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Your Ref:

Our ref: PLC/BCC/1899

Dear Heather,

### **PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION – CALDER HALL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish the redundant Calder Hall Administration Building (CHAB) located within the Sellafield site. The building is of conventional construction which is broadly rectangular in plan and was constructed in 1955.

#### **Building Construction**

The overall building construction consists of a steel frame supported on concrete pad foundations. Externally, masonry walls with patent glazing are supported on strip foundations to the perimeter of the building. At ground level there is an 8" (200mm) reinforced concrete ground bearing slab. At 1st floor level prestressed concrete slabs span one-way onto steel beams which span between columns.

At the North and South end of the building there are masonry shear walls with stone facing extending the full width of the two-storey building. These have been finished in stone to give an architectural feature to the overall building facade. Overall, these walls are 1' 10" (560mm) thick. The overall size of the two-storey section of main building is 73m x 9m x 6m high.

A single storey, brick walled workshop was constructed at the south end of the CHAB between 1959 and 1962. In 1992, the workshop was converted into a combination of office and welfare space. The windows to the offices were upgrade/replaced in 1996.

The building is now redundant and has reached the end of its useful life. Sellafield Limited is currently undertaking option studies into future development options on the CHAB site. At present, the proposed future use is not confirmed, and the building requires demolition to remove unnecessary maintenance works.

Given the future redevelopment at the site, the proposal is to remove the building superstructure and retain the existing concrete foundations until a future development design

is confirmed. Any future development proposals will be presented to relevant stakeholders and will be subject to formal planning application and consent from the Local Planning Authority.

I therefore enclose four hard copies copy of the following for your approval:

- Application for Prior Notification of Proposed Demolition - Form
- Summary Information Report
- Calder Land Clearance Ecological Impact Assessment\*
- Location Plan - 1 BE 3032299 Rev D

\*includes the information previously contained in the ecology and habitat report.

From the Scale of Charges for Planning Applications, the fee payable is £96.00, which has been sent separately.

Please note a Site Notice of Application for Prior Approval for Demolition of Building erected at the entrance to the Sellafeld site and a Statement of Display of a Site Notice has been produced. I have appended both for completeness.

Yours sincerely

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Martin Chown  
Chief Executive Officer