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Our ref: PLC/BCC/2229

Dear Heather,

### **PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION – CALDER HALL BLOWER HOUSES**

Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish four pairs of redundant plant buildings, the Calder Hall Blower Houses (CHBH) which are located within the Sellafield site. Constructed progressively between 1954 and 1958, the buildings consist of eight steel frame-type “boxes”. Each of the four reactors at Calder Hall has two Blower Houses; a “Long Blower House” on the east side and a “Short Blower House” on the west side.

Covering the steel frame of each CHBH are steel sheet roofs and corrugated cement cladding, along with brick walls on the ground floor which are around 5 feet tall. There are no internal floors, as the CHBH contained heavy equipment used in the generation of power at the reactors and a large overhead crane in each was required for maintenance work when the plant was operational.

There are a series of single-glazed, aluminium-framed windows running nearly the full length of each wall. These are at near ground floor level at the east and west ends of the Blower Houses, but at roof level on the north and south sides.

Each CHBH 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 CHBH sites. At present, the proposed future use is not confirmed and the CHBHs require demolition to remove unnecessary maintenance works.

Given the possibility for possible 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.

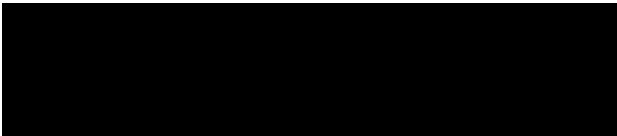
I therefore attach the following for your approval:

- Application for Prior Notification of Proposed Demolition - Form
- Building Summary Information Report

- Phase 1 Ecology Survey
- Location Plan - 1 BE 3032299 Rev F

From the Scale of Charges for Planning Applications, the fee payable is £120.00, which has been sent separately.

Please note a Site Notice of Application for Prior Approval for Demolition of Building, along with a Statement of Display of a Site Notice, has been produced and erected at the entrance to the Sellafield site. I have appended these to this application for completeness.



Euan Hutton  
Chief Executive Officer

Typical Long CHBH North Elevation (with pump house and heat exchanger in front of it and reactor building to the right of it)



Typical Short CHBH South-West Elevation, showing the layout of windows.

