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Our ref: PLC/BCC/2223

Dear Heather,

**PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION –  
CONTRACTOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION BUILDING**

Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish a redundant office & changeroom building, the Contractor Office Accommodation Building (COAB) located within the Sellafield site. Constructed in 2013, the building consists of thirty-four (34) double stacked Portacabin units with three entrance porches on the North side and two steel external staircases on concrete footings leading to the upper floor at the east and west ends.

The Portacabin units are steel and wood framed with painted textured wood interiors. They are insulated but the nature of the insulation could not be determined prior to demolition works. Vermin boards surround the base of the units which are painted wood. There is a series of single glazed aluminium framed windows running the full length of the building. Overall, the building complex occupies a footprint of approximately 50m x 10m and the maximum height of the building is approximately 6m.

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 COAB site. At present, the proposed future use is not confirmed and the COAB requires 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
- Summary Information Report
- Phase 1 Ecology Survey
- Location Plan - 1 BE 3032299 Rev E

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.

Yours sincerely

Euan Hutton  
Chief Executive Officer

COAB North-East Elevation



COAB South-West Elevation

