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Dear Heather,

**PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION –
FELLSIDE POWER & STEAM GENERATING UNITS 2 & 3 (ISSUE 2)**

Located at the Fellside Combined Heat and Power plant, Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish a pair of redundant power & steam generating units (FPSGU). The three current FPSGU buildings were erected around 1994-1995 and are coming to the end of their useful life – Units 2 & 3 are to be decommissioned, dismantled and demolished, allowing Unit 1 to remain in operation.

Overall, the FPSGU 2 & 3 occupy a footprint of approximately 55m x 55m and the maximum height of the building is approximately 42m. Each FPSGU consists of a waste heat recycling facility (producing steam) with tall exhaust chimney and a gas turbine (producing electricity and heat) connected at ground level, each with associated equipment and service connections.

Overall, the demolition works are planned to take place over a 12 month period, although the full five-year window is requested to accommodate any delays to commencement of site works and/or over-runs in completion of the works.

Working times at the demolition site will be limited to 7am-6pm Monday to Fridays, with use of machinery commencing at 7:30am. Noise levels are planned to be 60-65dB, with on-site noise monitoring at Fellside set to record any noise above 75dB.

Over the intended 12-month period of work, there will be an estimated 150 truck movements transporting demolition materials to local recycling/disposal facilities, approximating to three truck movements per week. It is intended that the project will use several different local metals recycling facilities around the Workington area (Recycling Lives, AVS Cumbria Metals etc.) depending on the capacity of a facility to accept each load at the point of despatch from the demolition site. The route for the truck movements will be via the U4465, B5344 and A595 roads.

Any other wastes generated, such as concrete, will have options for local recycling explored before disposal at local landfill facilities are used, although it is thought the volumes of the other wastes generated are likely to be comparatively small.

Sellafield Limited is currently undertaking option studies into future development options on the FPSGU site, hence at present the proposed future use is not confirmed and the FPSGU units require demolition to remove unnecessary maintenance works.

Given the possibility for possible future redevelopment at the site, the proposal is to remove the building superstructures 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