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Our ref: PLC/BCC/2177

Dear Heather,

**PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION –
METALS RECYCLING FACILITY OFFICE & CHANGEROOM**

Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish a redundant office & changeroom building, the Metals Recycling Facility (MRF) Office & Changeroom (MRFOC) located within the Sellafield site. The building consists of seven Portacabin units with a link walkway and a Glasdon Hut containing ventilation equipment. The main portacabin building was erected in stages starting with two single storey Portacabins placed at the north end in 2006 and a concrete walkway linking to the main metals recycling facility.

In 2009, three further Portacabins were placed at the south end and the walkway was covered to provide dry access to the MRF. Finally by 2011, an additional Portacabin was placed at the northwest corner of the complex to provide an additional entry point to the MRF, along with an additional Portacabin on top of one of the original single storey Portacabins and a Glasdon Hut in the centre of the location housing additional ventilation equipment.

Overall, the building complex occupies a footprint of approximately 60m x 15m and the maximum height of the building is approximately 5m.

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. 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. The double stacked portacabins have steel staircases on concrete footings leading to the upper cabins.

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 MRFOC site. At present, the proposed future use is not confirmed and the MRFOC 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 £96.00, 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

martin Chown
Chief Executive Officer