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Our ref: PLC/BCC/2142

Dear Heather,

**PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION – NUVIA COMPOUND OFFICE & WELFARE FACILITY**

Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish a redundant office & welfare building located within the Sellafield site, formerly occupied by a contractor, Nuvia Ltd. The building consists of four single storey portable cabin units with a link corridor extending to a double stack of 3 on 3 isofreight. The main portacabin building was erected in 2000 and the double stack of isofreights were erected from the north end of the building in 2007. Overall, the building occupies a footprint of approximately 22m x 10m and the maximum height of the building is approximately 5m.

The four portable units are 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 entrance to this building consists of two concrete steps and a metal handrail.

The cabin units have a pitched roof whose apex runs the length of the structure. In 2015 the roof was refurbished when decothane was overlain on the roof. It is unclear whether any of the original roof material including felt remains in place under the decothane. The gutters and downpipes are plastic.

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 NCOWF site. At present, the proposed future use is not confirmed and the NCOWF 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 enclose four hard copies copy of 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