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Dear Peter Bain

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997. THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS) DIRECTION 2015**

**DEMOLITION OF FIVE TENEMENT BLOCKS COMPROMISING BLOCK A (19-9E JOHN STREET), BLOCK B (21-33 JOHN STREET), BLOCK C (1-5 DALINTOBER), BLOCK D (7-15 DALINTOBER) BLOCK E (17 -21 DALINTOBER AND 24-26 HIGH STREET); JOHN STREET, PRINCE'S STREET AND HIGH STREET, CAMPBELTOWN, ARGYLL AND BUTE**

I refer to your Council's letter and enclosures of 5 October 2022, notifying the above application to Scottish Ministers, following consideration by the Council which was minded to grant listed building consent against the advice of Historic Environment Scotland.

Having considered the proposal, Ministers have decided, in terms of Section 11 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, to require the application to be referred to them for determination. Accordingly, a Direction, given in terms of Section 11 is enclosed at Annex A.

Ministers have given this Direction as they consider that this case raises issues related to the interpretation and application of national policy and guidance on listed buildings that would benefit from further scrutiny by an appointed reporter and Scottish Ministers.

The planning authority are requested to serve notice on the applicant for listed building consent of the terms of this Direction, the reasons for issuing it, that the application has been referred to Ministers and that the decision of Ministers will be final. The application should now be submitted to Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) in Falkirk for examination by a reporter of all the evidence submitted.

I would be grateful if you prepare all of the application documentation and send it to [dpea@gov.scot](mailto:dpea@gov.scot) for the attention of David Henderson, Head of Performance and Administration.

Please note a hyperlink to documentation held on the planning authority website is not sufficient for DPEA purposes. DPEA will thereafter make arrangements for processing the case and put in place an appointed reporter who will submit a report, with recommendation, to Scottish Ministers for their consideration and determination.

Any queries relating to the future handling of the case should be directed to DPEA.

Yours sincerely

*Elaine Ramsay*

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Annex A

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

**THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS) DIRECTION 2015**

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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 11 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby direct that Argyll and Bute Council refer to them for determination an application for listed building consent under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, received by them from Argyll Community Housing Association for the demolition of five Category B listed tenement blocks collectively known as Dalintober Housing Estate (council reference 21/02738/LIB).

This Direction is given as Scottish Ministers consider that this case raises issues related to the interpretation and application of national policy and guidance on listed buildings that would benefit from further scrutiny by an appointed reporter and Scottish Ministers.

This Direction may be cited as The Planning (Listed Building Consent and Conservation Area Consent) (Reference of Application) (Argyll and Bute Council) (Application for listed building consent for demolition of 5 tenement blocks, Dalintober Housing Estate, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute) Direction 2022.

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