



Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

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Please ask for: William Cole
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Your ref: LCC/2022/0003
Our ref: PCU/RTI/Q2371/3308218
Date: 6th December 2022

Dear Mr Haine

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

Application by Nick Kennedy c/o Oaktree Environmental Ltd (agent) for the demolition of existing building and erection of purpose built building (and ancillary structures) to house high temperature treatment facility for the management of medical at Land at Tower House, Stopgate Lane, Simonswood (application no: LCC/2022/0003)

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to refer to the above planning application.
2. In exercise of his powers under Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Secretary of State hereby directs your Council not to grant permission on this application without specific authorisation. This direction is issued to enable him to consider whether he should direct under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that the application should be referred to him for determination.
3. This direction does not, of course, prevent your Council from considering the application, forming a view as to the merits or, if they are so minded, refusing permission.
4. This letter is for procedural purposes and should not be read as any indication of the Secretary of State's attitude towards the application scheme.

5. I would be grateful for acknowledgement of your receipt of this letter. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

William Cole

Case officer – Planning Casework Unit

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The decision to issue this Article 31 was made by the Secretary of State and issued on his behalf