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Your ref: LB/337929/15

Our ref: PCU/LBC/W4223/3224140

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Dear Stephen Irvine

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Application for Listed Building Consent
Demolition of the link bridge attached to the Grade II listed office building and clock tower at the former WH Shaw Pallet works site, Huddersfield Road, Diggle OL3 5NX – application number: LB/337929/15

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to refer to his letter of 8 May 2019 regarding Listed Building Consent. In the circumstances of this case, exceptionally, and noting errors contained in that letter only, the Secretary of State hereby revokes the decision letter of 8 May 2019 regarding Listed Building Consent and replaces it with this letter. Please note, this letter does not replace the decision letter also issued on the 8 May regarding the consideration of the proposals for a new Saddleworth School under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009.

I refer to your email of 5 March 2019 with attachments, giving notice under section 13 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, of the application made under reference LB/337929/15.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered this case against call-in policy, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by Nick Boles on 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible.

In deciding whether to call in this application, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead him to conclude, in his opinion, that the application should be called in. The Secretary of State has decided not to call in this application. He is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority. The reason for this decision is that, having regard to the policy on call in, the application does not involve issues of more than local importance justifying the Secretary of State's intervention.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in this application, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether this application is EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011. The local planning authority responsible for determining this application remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to this proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

Yours sincerely

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