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Dear Dr Bagaeen

**THE BUILDING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
DEMOLITION OF SEVERAL BUILDINGS – BUILDING WARRANT 06/00352/LBW**

I refer to your letter of 24 April 2007 regarding the above approval.

May I first of all clarify that a building warrant submission is vetted against criteria contained in the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 which, in respect of applications to demolish buildings, is essentially an assessment of measures to protect public safety from the demolition operations. Where compliance with this is demonstrated a warrant must be issued as the building's status in respect of local interest or formal listing is irrelevant to this assessment process. Building warrant consent is valid for a period of three years from the granting date, although this may be extended in appropriate circumstances.

A building warrant submission may also correctly refer to several subjects and in this instance the drawings supporting the application clearly identifies the original ticket office as a building to be demolished. The fire damaged premises you refer to in your correspondence were demolished at the start of June, following the fire, in the interests of public safety as dangerous buildings utilising emergency powers contained in the above Act

The application was lodged for consideration by my Building Control & Public Safety Service on the 31 January 2006. The application was lodged as a 'Late Building Warrant' as this had been identified on the application form. However, further enquiries established this not to be the case although an administrative error occurred as this was not corrected on the warrant document.

The application received approval on 9 June 2006, dictating a warrant expiry date of 9 June 2009 and the subjects of the warrant may be demolished at any time within this time frame. The three week period referred to is a procedural item that allows an assessment to be made of the likely impact the duration of works may have on public safety considerations. The warrant is therefore conditioning that, whereas any building covered by the warrant may have its demolition completed within the life of the warrant, once commenced the demolition of any specific building on the site should not exceed three weeks.

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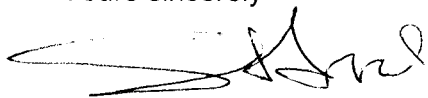
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As you can see, the building warrant in question had not expired and the applicants had discharged their obligation to seek building warrant approval for the works you refer to ahead of undertaking the same in January of this year. I am satisfied that there has been no abuse of the above legislation in this instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Inch', written in a cursive style.

S Inch
Executive Director

Cc S Murie, Group Manager, Building Control and Public Safety