

## **Jane Parry**

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**From:** Susan Jeffrey  
**Sent:** 06 September 2021 15:20  
**To:** Planning Admin  
**Cc:** David Pedlow  
**Subject:** R/2021/0728/PND PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE DORMAN LONG TOWER

Dear Planning Admin

Thank you for alerting me to the above PN and for identifying me as a consultee on the application website.

My response is as follows:

I understand that this is not a Planning Application but a Prior Notification and the applicant is contending that because of this 'the matters to be considered are the "method of demolition" and "any proposed restoration of the site".' They go on to say that 'it would not be appropriate from the Local Planning Authority to consider any matters beyond these considerations.'

I would however draw your attention to our approved local plan Policy LS4 that clearly states that the Local Plan will:

"safeguard and enhance the significance of buildings, sites, settings and areas of heritage and cultural importance including the 'Dorman Long' tower at South Bank Coke Ovens supporting its adaptation to enable alternative uses"

Given the specific reference to the Dorman Long Tower in this reference I believe the Council as Planning Authority should be taking steps to stop this demolition by immediately serving a Building Preservation order on the Tower. This will delay demolition for six months and allow time for the council to submit an application for listed status to Historic England in line with the Local Plan policy to safeguard the DL tower. If such an application is successful then the demolition will be subject to a full planning application and the associated consultation with local people.

I am currently seeking advice from the RTPi Planning Aid England service on this matter and would be grateful if you would delay any decision until I have received their reply – they aim to respond within 5 days, well within the timescale for the Council to respond to the prior approvals of demolition where you have 28 days to determine the application, in the case of Dorman Long Tower this expires on 17 September 2021.

I would be grateful if you could let me know your response as soon as possible, given that this demolition is currently scheduled to take place next week.

Many thanks

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