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Dear Mr Valentine

Perth City Hall

Thank you for your letter of 26 June and the enclosed recent committee report regarding Perth City Hall.

I fully understand why your members are seeking a degree of certainty regarding the handling of this complex case over the coming months. Please be assured that we agree that a perpetual cycle of remarketing would not be desirable or reasonable. That said, it is vital for your Council to demonstrate that every reasonable effort has been made to find a new use for Perth City Hall. Whilst we do, on occasion, grant permission for the demolition of listed buildings, I am sure you will understand that it is important it is adequately justified.

The remarketing and negotiations around that will be a significant test. If your Council were to put unreasonable hurdles in the way of potential developer, it would call into question whether this was in the spirit of ensuring reasonable efforts were being made to secure a future use for this listed building. Having worked well with you and your staff in recent times, I have no reason to anticipate this being the case.

As the marketing exercise progresses we would be happy to provide whatever advice or assistance we can to you and your staff, without, of course, prejudicing our position in the determination of any future applications concerning the building.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Cummins
Director of Heritage Management



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