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Dear Mr McNaney,

Planning Application Z/2010/0838/F – Change of use to backpackers hostel 30 beds) – Ground floor of 165 Ormeau Road and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of 165-169 Ormeau Road, Belfast

The above planning application was included on the schedule of applications to the Town Planning Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 with an opinion to grant approval. The Department consulted the Committee again on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 with an unchanged opinion to approve. The Committee voted to reject the Department's opinion and this was ratified at the Full Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

Having considered the planning merits of the case, the Department remains of the opinion that the proposal is acceptable. I would advise you that the decision to approve the application was issued on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A condition has been attached to the decision notice stating that the proposed backpackers hostel shall be used for this purpose only in accordance with Class C2 of the Schedule to the Planning (Use Classes Order) (NI) 2004.

Yours sincerely,

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