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Dear Ms McLornan

**RE: HAVELOCK HOUSE, ORMEAU ROAD, BELFAST – HISTORIC BUILDING REF:
HB26 30 037 PLANNING REFERENCE: LA04/2020/0067/F**

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 2020.

I can confirm that the Department has followed due process. I can provide you with further detail on how this is the case, and set this out below

Havelock House was not considered for a full survey in the first survey of buildings of special architectural or historic interest which ran between 1969 and 1997, nor was it considered for a full survey during the second survey of this area in 2011.

Following correspondence with a third party, which had included a listing request, the Department reviewed the record, visiting the building in July 2018. Following further correspondence, a presentation on the history of the building and its use as a television studio by a third party was welcomed by the Department in February 2019.

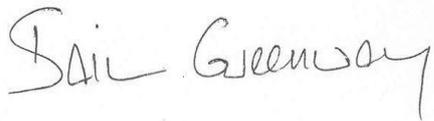
The Department assessed all evidence in relation to Havelock House and determined that the building did not merit a full survey. The building has undergone extensive extension and alterations including the loss of fixtures and fittings - equipment pertaining to its use as a television studio.

The building record has been updated to reflect historical information gathered by the third party and the Department, and this is publically available on the buildings database.

The Department would highlight that the local council may consider through the Local Development Plan whether the building is of local importance. Guidance for councils on Historic Buildings of Local Importance was published by the Department in June 2017. This sets out how buildings which do not meet the Criteria for Listing could be afforded protection through local council policy.

The Council determines all planning applications to which HED is a statutory consultee on matters pertaining to the historic environment. Regarding the proposed demolition of Havelock House (ref LA04/2020/0067/F), HED was consulted on this proposal by Belfast City Council in relation to the impact of the proposed development on several listed buildings, including those on the gasworks site. HED advised that the proposal is contrary to the policy requirements of paragraphs 6.12 of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) and BH11 (Development affecting the Setting of a Listed Building) of Planning Policy Statement 6, planning archaeology and the built heritage. The Department considers that the height of the proposal is contrary to policy.

Yours sincerely

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