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**From:** Pat McCarthy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2021 16:04  
**To:** Planning Admin  
**Subject:** Dorman Long Tower Planning Application R/2021/0728/PND

Dear Planning Department

Re. Planning application R/2021/0728/PND

I wish to register my opposition to the proposed demolition of the Dorman Long Tower, and the means by which it is suggested that this demolition will take place. It seems to me that these proposals are being conducted in a way that attempts to evade proper public consultation about the future of a structure that has become an iconic landmark for the area, especially since it seems that everything else on the site has been designated for demolition: including the Redcar Blast Furnace and South Bank Coke Ovens which, along with the tower, were, according to the South Tees Regeneration Master Plan, published in November 2019, exceptional cases for retention.

As Teesworks have decided not to be transparent and used legal planning precedent to only apply for a Prior Notice of Demolition notice whereby only the "method of demolition" and "any proposed restoration of the site" can be taken into consideration. I would, therefore, like to add these comments.

1. I see no mention of a full investigation for the presence of protected wildlife or of hazardous elements having been undertaken.
2. As the building is intended to be taken down by using explosives that will send dust into the air, I am alarmed to see nothing about its potential presence and impact on nearby communities. Anyone who has ever lived in South Bank or Old Grangetown, as I have, is aware of the extent to which dust permeates everywhere – inside the house, on your clothes, in your hair, into your food and finally into your lungs. This is a large part of the reason why, during the 1980s, researchers from Bristol and Newcastle Universities found South Bank and Grangetown to be among the unhealthiest places to live in the UK. One wonders what kind of dust and how much of it will be generated by an explosion inside a concrete building impregnated for years by toxic coaldust. Although South Bank is not as large as a town as it once was it is still there, and very close to the Tower. Moreover, a supermarket where the towns' residents purchase most of their food is even closer. It is therefore crucial that a full environmental health evaluation is carried out before permission for any kind of explosion is granted.

I believe that future generations will be appalled at the shameful disregard Teesworks are showing towards the physical heritage of this area, highlighted by commencing demolition work before the application is determined and their lack of vision at what could still be an exciting project to retain and restore this building and other iconic structure on the site as visual reminders of what made Teesside the place it is, and of the sacrifices made by our ancestors, especially those who lost their lives while working on the site.

Yours faithfully

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