

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

PLANNING APPEAL: CHANGE OF USE, ALTERATIONS TO AND RESTORATION OF PRINCIPAL FORMER ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND PAVILIONS (ORIGINAL THOMAS HAMILTON DESIGNED SCHOOL BUILDINGS) DEMOLITION OF ANCILLARY BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE FORMER GYMNASIUM BLOCK AND LODGE, NEW BUILD DEVELOPMENT, NEW/IMPROVED VEHICULAR, SERVICE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES, LANDSCAPING, PARKING, PUBLIC REALM AND OTHER WORKS TO CREATE A WORLD CLASS HOTEL OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING WITH ASSOCIATED USES INCLUDING PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE BARS (PUBLIC HOUSE) AND RESTAURANTS (CLASS 3)) AT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE, 5-7 REGENT ROAD, EDINBURGH

DIRECTION THAT APPEAL WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 4 to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, hereby direct that they will determine the above-mentioned appeal instead of a person appointed by them.

The reason for this Direction is that this appeal raises issues of national importance in terms of potential impacts on the historic environment, including the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site, and in relation to potential economic and tourism benefits. The appeal will be considered with the associated listed building appeal (LBA-230-2076).

A copy of this Direction has been served on the appellant, the planning authority and any other parties as required by paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 4.

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