

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPEAL: REFURBISHMENT (EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL), ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF PRINCIPAL FORMER ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND PAVILIONS, DEMOLITION OF FORMER LODGE, GYMNASIUM BLOCK, DEMOLITION OF 2 CURTILAGE BUILDINGS (FORMER CLASSROOM BLOCK AND LUNCHEON HALL), DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GATES, WALL (IN PART) AND FORMATION OF NEW SERVICE ACCESS AT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE, 5-7 REGENT ROAD, EDINBURGH**

**DIRECTION THAT APPEAL WILL BE DETERMINED BY SCOTTISH MINISTERS**

Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 3 (1) of Schedule 3 to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (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 planning appeal (PPA-230-2178).

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 3.

  
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