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Dear Mr Ridge,

I can confirm the Council has received Prior Notification of Peabody Housing's intention to demolish the buildings currently on-site at 22-28 Underwood Road. The Prior Approval process allows the Council to consider whether it wishes to control the method by which the building is demolished and any proposed restoration of the site. The Prior Approval regime would not allow the Council to resist the loss of this building for reasons of its historical or townscape significance.

A decision will be made on the application before 19th October 2011. After this date, in terms of planning consents, Peabody are at liberty to demolish the buildings on-site should they wish to do so. If Peabody chose to demolish these buildings, I would not be able to insist that any future planning application includes both demolition and replacement.

I hope this explains the current situation.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me again.

Kind regards