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Mr J Dunbar  
Secretary  
The Royal Commission on the Ancient  
and Historical Monuments of Scotland  
54 Melville Street  
EDINBURGH


Dear Mr Dunbar

Higgins Warehouse, Church Street, Nairn.

The above building (details attached) has recently (Tues 26.6.88) been approved for demolition due to its dangerous state. As I believe that the process now involves consultation with yourselves as to whether or not the building should be the subject of an architectural survey, I would be glad if you could tell me if this is likely to be the case. The site lies on the road leading from the High Street to the medieval church, and I hope, through the Scottish Urban Archaeological Trust, to have at least a sample excavation carried out - preferably after demolition, as this will release more of the site area for examination. In order to arrange this, and set a date for the excavations, it would be useful to know if a survey of the building will be required, so that I can liaise with the demolition company for access. Note that a clause has been included in the Planning permission to allow excavation to take place.

In view of the situation outlined above, therefore, I would be very grateful if you could let me know (a) if a building survey is deemed necessary, and (b) if so, when it might be carried out. With thanks for your assistance,

Yours sincerely

  
Robert Gourlay  
Archaeologist.

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