

## **CRB Part 5 application - Appendices**

### **Appendix 1**

*3A.8. Please describe what the land is currently used for*

The Albert Hotel will have its bicentenary in 2024 and is an important part of the built and social heritage of North Queensferry. It currently falls for Planning purposes within use Class 7 (Hotel). It functioned as a nine-bedroom hotel with bar and restaurant until 2017, since when it has been closed and unoccupied, and its condition has deteriorated both through neglect and active destructive intervention by the Owner. Since 2021, there have been three unsuccessful applications for planning permission, two of which were for change of use. These are detailed in section 7.8 below. A significant factor in Fife Council's decision to refuse permission for change of use was the need to maintain the building's current use in order to safeguard both community and heritage benefits. This decision was affirmed by the Scottish Ministers on Appeal. Full details are set out in section 8.7 below.