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Dear Ms Hyde,

Planning application DM/18/03760/FPA: Retention of the timber clad fridge storage structure to rear yard area of 44 Saddler Street, Durham

The City of Durham Parish Council Planning Committee considered this application at their meeting on the 18th January 2019. We decided to object to this application on the following grounds.

The fridge structure is clearly visible from many viewpoints in this area including the riverbank, Drury Lane and Elvet Bridge. It is therefore in breach of saved policy E3 of the City of Durham Local Plan. It was also felt by the committee that painting the fridge housing a different colour would not mitigate the effect on the views.

It was also felt that this structure did nothing whatever to enhance the area of Saddler Street and was therefore in breach of saved policies E6 and E22 which preserve the character of the Conservation Area with special reference to Saddler Street in policy E6

Furthermore, nos 44, 41 and 42 Saddler Street are all listed buildings in the Durham City Conservation Area. Indeed, they are on the peninsula in close proximity to the Durham Cathedral World Heritage Site. Saved policy no E23 states that listed buildings and their settings should be protected. This fridge housing is within the curtilage of a listed building and therefore detracts from its setting.

We hope the arguments set out above will persuade you, but should you be minded to approve this application we would like to call it to committee. When notified of a committee date we would confirm our attendance.

Yours sincerely

ROGER CORNWELL

Chair, Planning Committee, City of Durham Parish Council