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Dear Ms Hurton,

**DM/19/01308/FPA | Change of use and subdivision of 1no A2 (financial Institution) unit to 1no sui-generis (distillery) unit and 1no A3 (cafe) unit including the installation of 4no. windows to south elevation | 30 High Street Durham DH1 3UL**

As you know, the City of Durham Parish Council's letter dated 10th June 2019 raised concerns about the above application, which we hoped could be addressed. We hoped that the applicant will provide additional information which will then need to be assessed by a competent person, who can provide appropriate advice.

Additional information has now been provided on behalf of the applicant, setting out the operational standards envisaged and giving assurances as to fire risk, and the agent makes a helpful offer to meet with representatives of the Parish Council.

However, at our meeting on 21 June 2019 we noted that the Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer has recently set out a number of requirements and questions in order to enable her to be able to give full consideration to this application. Accordingly, the Parish Council remains alert to the matters raised and looks forward to the full assessment by the Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer.

Thus, as things stand, Saved Policy Q7 applies. Its justification states that "*it is important that new industrial and business areas are laid out and designed to a standard appropriate for their designation as well as taking account of the safety and amenity of those working and visiting the area and those living nearby.*" Our position, pending the full assessment mentioned and to welcome the offer of a meeting with the applicant's agent, continues to be that this application should be refused, and called to Committee if you are minded to approve.

Yours sincerely,

ADAM SHANLEY  
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council