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Dear Mr Fenwick,

Half Moon Hotel: planning applications DM/19/02966/FPA and DM/19/02967/LB

The Parish Planning Committee considered these linked applications at its meeting on 25 October 2019. Representatives of CAMRA Durham attended this meeting and made representations. We have subsequently read their submission and share their concerns. We consider that the first two parts of Saved Policy E23 of the City of Durham Local Plan are relevant here:

POLICY E23 The Council will seek to safeguard listed buildings and their settings by:

- 1 Only permitting alterations and extensions to listed buildings which are sympathetic in design, scale, and materials;
- 2 Not permitting alterations to architectural or historic features which adversely affect the special interest of a listed building, including internal features and those within the curtilage of the building;

While we appreciate the care taken to retain the mahogany counter in the rear bar along with other details, we feel that the addition of facsimile Victorian features could adversely affect the special interest of this listed building. We hope the applicants will engage with CAMRA and the Parish Council to find a way that will preserve and enhance the history of the Half Moon, and not add unnecessary details. If they will not do this, then you should refuse these applications as they conflict with Local Plan policy 23.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council