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Dear Mr Gavillet,

Planning application DM/14/03327/FPA | Erection of four detached dwellings with attached garages, demolition of the stable block, conservatory extension on Fernhill and erection of a car port / covered area for parking a horse box. | Fernhill Newcastle Road Crossgate Moor Durham DH1 4JZ

This planning application was submitted in October 2014 and its status remains as *Pending Consideration*. The site lies in the Green Belt. At the time of submission it was proposed, in the 2014 version of the County Durham Plan, to remove this site from the Green Belt. We infer that the applicant hoped that once this had happened the application could be approved.

It was also proposed in Policy 21 of the 2019 version of the County Durham Plan that Fernhill be removed from the Green Belt. The Inspector's final report has just been received, and includes Main Modifications MM102 and MM103 which propose the deletion of Policy 21 and its supporting text. The Inspector carefully weighed the evidence and concluded that Fernhill should remain in the Green Belt.

In a statement dated 21 September¹ the Council announced its intention to accept the Main Modifications and proceed with the formal steps necessary for adoption. The Plan now carries considerable weight, and it leaves Fernhill in the Green Belt. Consequently, with all uncertainty now removed, we think the time is now right to refuse this application and ask you to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council

¹ <http://durham.gov.uk/article/24246/Jobs-and-homes-a-step-closer-as-inspector-publishes-final-report-on-County-Durham-Plan>