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Dear Mr Spurgeon,

**Application DM/19/03943/LB | To demolish existing rear extension and conservatory and to replace with contemporary accessible living extension and detached workshop | 173 Gilesgate Durham DH1 1QH**

The Parish Council Planning Committee considered this application at its meeting on 10 January 2020 and resolved to support it.

The Committee members were impressed with the evident care and forethought that have gone into this proposal. While the City of Durham Neighbourhood Plan does not yet carry weight, it does indicate the approach our Parish would like to see adopted. This application meets the criteria set out in Policy D4 *Housing for Older People and People with Disabilities* which says that “Extensions to houses and flats, and other building works within the curtilage of a residential property, which are needed to enable a resident to continue to live there rather than go into a nursing or residential care and which also require planning permission will be supported providing they are in keeping with the building and its surroundings”. To do this for a building whose origins date to the eighteenth century is a considerable challenge and this has been met.

In addition Policy H4 *Heritage Assets* requires that “development proposals affecting heritage assets should demonstrate an understanding of the significance of the asset”. We are pleased that this proposal meets these criteria. It continues that such proposals “will be encouraged where they conserve, enhance and return assets to appropriate active use consistent with their conservation”. In that spirit we urge the Authority to approve this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

**Adam Shanley**  
**Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council**