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Dear Ms Morina

**DM/20/00606/LB: Listed building consent to replace 3 no. existing stone spitters on a like for like basis to the north elevation parapet wall of the Exchequer Building, Durham University Palace Green Library, Palace Green, Durham DH1 3RN**

The City of Durham Parish Council's Planning Committee offers the following comments on the above application.

The proposal is part of the works currently being undertaken at Bishop Cosin's Library, Palace Green Library Reception and the Exchequer Building to address damp and water ingress. The high level stone 'spitters' to the north elevation of the Exchequer Building are in poor condition and considered a significant health and safety risk.

The Grade I Listed Exchequer Building dates from 1457 and was the only Exchequer outside London in medieval times. It is the oldest and most historically significant part of the Palace Green Library range and has been identified as being in need of refurbishment.

Durham University is proposing to replace the stone spitters on a like-for-like basis. Currently the spitter design does not prevent water from ponding at the end; the new design will allow for the water at the end to drain back into the rainwater pipe. The existing rainwater pipe, from the spitter into the hopper head, is to be replaced with new in a similar style. Consideration has been given to a less intrusive type of repair; however, this would not be effective in permanently preventing further water ingress.

The Parish Council recognises the vital custodial role of the University in maintaining the many heritage buildings in its ownership and care, and applauds this proposal as part of the major ongoing programme of work on these buildings.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council