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Dear Mr Shields,

DM/18/01908/FPA: Land To The East Of DLI Museum Durham DH1 5TU

I am writing on behalf of the City of Durham Council to object to the above planning application, on the grounds that there is a possible site that should have been considered, but was not. That site is the DLI building itself. We consider that NWL should explore with the County Council the temporary use of the building, which could provide most, if not all, of the facilities in the proposed compound. Specifically, referring to the buildings on the proposed site layout:

Office & Meeting Rooms: there is plenty of space in the DLI to accommodate these.

Canteen: The DLI café would be a much more pleasant alternative for the workers than the metal box proposed.

Storage unit: This is presumably the dry room shown on the plan and could be accommodated in the DLI.

Generator: The DLI has mains electricity so this would not be needed.

Toilets: The DLI has both male and female toilets on the ground floor. These are of course connected to mains drainage, unlike the site toilets which have a septic tank.

Parking: There is parking on the short road leading up to the DLI entrance, or the public car park could be used.

I hope you can contact the relevant parties, and thereby avoid an intrusion into the Green Belt. If the alternative described here could be made available it would be more pleasant for the workers than the original proposal.

Yours sincerely

ROGER CORNWELL

Chair, Planning Committee