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Dear Mr Collins,

Durham County Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic

I am writing on behalf of the City of Durham Parish Council in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

With the total number of UK deaths now reaching over 12,000 and almost 94,000 confirmed cases of the virus, there can be no overstating the tragic impact of this pandemic and the enormous pressure this has placed on the National Health Service, Local Authorities and other key workers is almost beyond measure.

The Parish Council therefore wishes to take this opportunity to commend all of the staff at Durham County Council for their outstanding work in responding to this virus. From the creation of a dedicated support network, the redeployment of officers to key frontline services, an unprecedented level of financial support for local businesses and the recruitment of thousands of local volunteers, the County Council has acted swiftly and effectively to tackle the spread of this virus and its adverse impact on County Durham. It is essential that this work continues in our collective efforts to overcome this pandemic.

Please be assured of the Parish Council's full support for the County Council in its continuing work to tackle the virus and its consequences.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council