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26th July 2021

Dear Mr Hopper,

DM/20/03760/FPA | Partial change of use to create 57 bed Student Accommodation Facility to include the erection of a single storey extension to existing roof and associated access arrangements (amended title) (updated elevation and floor plan to south west) | First To Third Floors 4 - 6 Silver Street Durham DH1 3RB

The City of Durham Parish Council Planning Committee considered this amended application at its meeting on the 26th July 2021 and resolved to maintain its objection to this application.

Since our objection letter of 28th January 2021 to the original application was submitted, the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan has now passed Referendum stage and the Plan was formally adopted by the County Council on 23rd June 2021. The Policies within the Plan now carry greater weight than in January 2021.

The Parish Council would consider a different proposal for student accommodation or other non-retail uses above the ground floor and within the existing envelope of the building but remains of the view that the current proposal should be refused as excessive, unjustified and harmful to Durham City Conservation Area and the Durham Castle and Cathedral World Heritage Site.

For the reasons set out in our responses to date on this application, the Parish Council urges the County Council to refuse this application. However, as per our original objection letters, should you be minded to approve this application, we would wish this application to be called in to the Central and East Area County Planning Committee so that we may put our case to Councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council