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Dear Ms Jennings

The City of Durham Trust is concerned about the steady increase in the number of planning applications seeking to convert family dwellings to houses in multiple occupation. This is increasing the imbalance between the student population and the long-term resident population of Durham City. Instead we need to promote and preserve inclusive, mixed and balanced communities (NPPF, 8b).

Accordingly, Trustees wish to object to application **DM/20/01018/FPA** which proposes to change the use of I Wearside Drive from C3 to C4. Policy H9 of the City of Durham Local Plan stipulates that the conversion of a house for multiple occupation “must not adversely affect the amenities of nearby residents”. 23 nearby residents have submitted letters of objection to this application that very clearly demonstrate how their amenities will be adversely affected. This is two-thirds of the number of residential addresses notified of the application. No one has written in support of the application.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, The City of Durham Trust