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Dear Ms Morina

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 or to increase the size of existing HMOs. 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/20/00996/FPA** which proposes to extend the size of 35 Hawthorn Terrace. The percentage of student properties within 100 metres radius of this property is 69% and so the extension would be contrary to Durham County Council's Interim Policy on Student Accommodation. During the Examination in Public of the County Durham Plan, a main modification to policy 16 was agreed so that this restriction would continue in place.

The Trust also fully endorses the detailed objections put forward by the City of Durham Parish Council's Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, The City of Durham Trust