

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

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Dear Ms Morina,

**DM/19/03748/FPA Second Floor Apartment 58-59 Saddler Street Durham DH1 3NU**  
Change of use from C3 dwelling to a B1 office use

## **City of Durham Trust Comment**

Although the Trust does not object to the principal of change of use of the second storey, its external condition and floodlighting cause significant concern.

### **1. Context**

The frontage to this building is very prominent in helping to form the attractive streetscape of Sadler Street – a key historic street and approach to the World Heritage Site. It is currently marred by lack of maintenance to the upper windows and very poor external lighting. This is formed from a range of large, oversized and unsightly floodlights that light up the frontage up to the second storey for no obvious business benefit or purpose. As two are misaligned they are lighting up competing businesses on the other side of the street. The lighting seems not to have planning permission. As the ground floor is currently vacant, this would be an ideal opportunity to improve the quality of this significant frontage.

### **2. Comment**

The Trust suggests that the applicant is required to remove the lighting and ensure the correct treatment of the upper windows.

Yours sincerely,

John Lowe

Chair, The City of Durham Trust