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Dear Ms Jennings

The City of Durham Trust does not object to this application for a Certificate of Lawful Use for this long-standing HMO, but it does seriously object to the extension in size from 9 to 12 bedrooms. The 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 worsening 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 this application. The percentage of student properties within 100 metres radius of this property is 67% and so the extension would be contrary to Durham County Council's Interim Policy on Student Accommodation.

Best wishes

John Lowe,
Chair, The City of Durham Trust