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Dear Mr Spurgeon

DM/20/01107/FPA The White House, Newcastle Road, Durham

The City of Durham Trust wishes to lodge a strong objection to this proposed development. We wish to re-submit the objections to the previous application, DM/20/00387/FPA, which the applicant has re-submitted without addressing the fundamental reasons for its rejection. This re-submission is admittedly different in scale, but it is essentially the same in nature and the same basic objections continue to apply.

The Trust is very struck by the strength of informed opposition to this application from local people who understand the impact it would have on their area. Nearly 30 individual respondents have objected, as has the Parish Council. The Trust wishes to endorse these very well argued objections, based as they are on local planning policies. For example, it is a “backland” development that clearly breaches policy H10.

The previous application was rejected because of its adverse effects on local amenities and the current application would have a similarly deleterious effect on noise, additional rubbish, pressure on parking and dangerous traffic access from one of the busiest roads in the City. Additionally, the application’s Design and Access Planning Statement takes no account of the historic nature of the site associated with the Battle of Neville’s Cross.

For these reasons and for all the detailed reasons submitted by other objectors, the Trust urges you to recommend the rejection of this application.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, The City of Durham Trust