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Dear Mr Spurgeon.

DM/20/01447/AD The Angel Inn 53 Crossgate Durham DH1 4PR

To paint The Angel lettering onto front elevation and to re-paint lettering on existing hanging sign

The City of Durham Trust is concerned about the erosion of the character of this particularly important historic street. Crossgate is one of the less commercialised historic streets offering views towards the World Heritage Site (WHS). The Angel Inn is a listed building and this part of Crossgate also forms the setting to St Margaret's Church and retains its otherwise predominantly residential character. The street and its buildings are an important part of the inner setting area of the WHS.

The wall painted sign is substantial (2.0m x 1.5m) and will be very prominent. In the context of the street the current hanging sign is sufficient to identify the public house, there is no objection to the repainting of this. Other nearby commercial interests have minimal signage and allowing the large painted sign will create a poor precedent for this street, type of building and location.

The Trust therefore objects to the proposed wall painted sign based on its negative impact on the listed building, setting to other listed buildings, the character of the conservation area and the approach and view to the WHS.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe

Chair, The City of Durham Trust