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Dear Ms Morina

The City of Durham Trust is concerned about 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/20/01571/FPA** which proposes to extend the size of **60 Whinney Hill**. The percentage of properties exempt from Council Tax within 100 metres radius of this property is 50% 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.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, City of Durham Trust