

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

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## **DM/20/03436/FPA & DM/20/03437/LB 68 Saddler Street, Durham**

Dear Mr Dalby

The City of Durham Trust supports Policy E3 of the *Durham City Neighbourhood Plan* (DCNP) that states:

“Development proposals that provide residential accommodation in upper floors of commercial properties will be supported, as long as they do not have a negative impact on retail, commercial and tourism activities and the general amenity of neighbouring properties and residential amenity including noise impact.”

Accordingly, we are content to see this proposal to provide five apartments in the upper floors of 68 Saddler Street. However, the arrangements for bin storage are totally inadequate. The bin storage facility is tucked away four doors north and accessed out onto the street past Waterstones and up the Vennel Café access. Unless a practicable solution can be found, we would prefer the current use as offices to continue. After all, we are regularly told that there is a need for city centre office space.

The prospect of bags of rubbish left on the pavement in this key tourist route to the World Heritage Site is completely unacceptable. While Policy E3 of the DCNP is supportive of such residential accommodation, it explicitly includes the proviso that it must not have a negative impact on tourism activities and the general amenity of neighbouring properties.

Yours sincerely

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