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DM/20/02359/VOC & DM/20/02360/VOC Additional Excavations at Durham Sixth Form Centre

Dear Mr Dalby

The City of Durham Trust is concerned about these applications for additional excavations to provide flood mitigation required by the extensions to the Arts Centre and Lodge at Durham Sixth Form Centre.

The engineering advisers have identified a problem caused by the new extensions reducing the area available for flood mitigation and they are proposing to solve it by digging a large hole in the grass area between the caretakers lodge and the swimming pool. There is no information on how this will be achieved or its impact. The impact could be substantial and it is not shown in submitted documents.

The information provided by this in-house application is absolutely minimal, as though the agent is presuming that his colleagues will automatically approve the proposal. This is not sufficiently rigorous for this serious matter. The flood risk in that area is very real and we need to be assured that it is being dealt with in a thoroughly professional manner.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, City of Durham Trust