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(Copy to David Sparkes, Principal Design and Conservation Officer)

Dear Mr Patrickson,

**Sherburn House Bridge, Shincliffe , Scheduled Monument List Entry Number:1002341
Drainage Damage**

The Trust has been carrying out background investigations in relation to comments to be provided on the Banks Property Ltd housing proposals for the Bent house Lane Site. This bridge is close to the site and a key footpath route into the surrounding area. It is on the Historic England (HE) Heritage at Risk register.

I am writing to you because the cause of part of the poor condition of the Bridge is noted by HE as '*Drainage channels empty adjacent to the bridge abutments and this compounds the ongoing erosion*'. In the absence of further evidence this is assumed as likely to be related to the adjacent road maintained by your department.

In view of the increased interest in the local area, its surrounds and access, is there any further information on this problem structure or a proposal to remedy the drainage issue if it is highway related?

Yours sincerely,

John Lowe

Chair, City of Durham Trust