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**DM/21/00126/FPA & DM/21/00127/LB**  
**77 – 78 Saddler Street, Durham**

Dear Mr Russell

The City of Durham Trust is pleased to see this shop coming back into use as it occupies an important position in the approach to the World Heritage Site. For this reason we wish to express some concerns about the treatment of the shop front.

The existing shop front appears to be in two differing styles, the delicate mullions and curving transoms of the windows and a much heavier, more clumsy, set of pilasters that also mask the junction between the two original buildings making up this property.

Current information is basic. Some clarity would be welcomed before changes are made to confirm the age, materials and design of the shop front. In altering the window current shopfitting techniques do not easily accommodate curved timber sections as proposed. The adaption and new sections need more specialist skills. In addition, by careful paintwork (or further adaption), the pilasters can be improved. This should lead into any subsequent signage applications.

Careful treatment would benefit Saddler Street and also create an attractive shop front that will greatly complement the proposed use. The Trust therefore suggests a condition requiring detailed information on the existing shop front and submission of an appropriately detailed proposal for its alteration.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe  
Chair, City of Durham Trust