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Dear Ms Jennings

DM/21/00421/FPA: 16 & 17 Sidegate

The City of Durham Trust fully endorses the objections made to this proposal by the City of Durham Parish Council. We share their concerns about the size of the rooms being too small to offer the sort of quality and amenity required by Policy 29 of the *County Durham Plan*.

As a civic society particularly dedicated to protecting and enhancing the historic character of the City, we also fully support their comments about the failure of the design and materials to be suitable for this ancient street in a Conservation Area. The proposal does not satisfy the design requirements of Policy 44 of the *County Durham Plan* and of Policies H2 and D4 of the *Durham City Neighbourhood Plan*.

We also find it odd that in response to Question 9 of the *Application Form* (Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?) the answer given is “No”. Both houses open directly onto the pavement in Sidegate and No.17 is the end house so its gable end is a very prominent feature. The additional dormer at the front will be clearly visible from the top and bottom of Sidegate.

Yours sincerely

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