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DM/21/01776/FPA: Former Toilets in North Road

Dear Mr Spurgeon

The City of Durham Trust regrets the loss of these public toilets. There is a great need for such facilities in the city. However, the conversion to a café seems to be a reasonable way of reusing the premises and the design is generally acceptable.

The one item of concern that we have is that access to the roof terrace is via an external stair that is open to the street and not controlled from within the café. This could give rise to issues of security and anti-social behaviour in an area where this is not unknown.

It would be preferable if the internal arrangement of the premises could be changed so that access to the roof terrace could be controlled from within the café. It might then be possible to incorporate the space occupied by the external stair into the café area.

Yours sincerely

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