

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

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## **DM/21/02928/FPA: 11 The Riverwalk, Turtle Bay**

Dear Mr Jones

The City of Durham Trust shares the concerns expressed by the City of Durham Parish Council in its excellent letter of 16 September. There is a growing trend in The Riverwalk to develop the external area, designed principally as public circulation space, and occupy it with seating, lighting and heating so that it becomes an extension of the indoor spaces. Application DM/21/03052/FPA, to which the Trust has already objected in our letter of 28 September, exemplifies this trend. It is perhaps an understandable and possibly desirable tactic during the pandemic, but it should not become an accepted practice.

Turtle Bay is in the Durham City Conservation Area and as such the requirements of the *County Durham Plan* Policy 44 and of the *Durham City Neighbourhood Plan* Policy H2 should be met in full. The proposals concerning so much external activity fail to do this. The Trust fully endorses the detailed objections made by the Parish Council.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, City of Durham Trust