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Dear Ms Stephenson,

DM/21/02122/FPA Palace Green Durham DH1 3RL

Replacement and addition of waste/recycling bins

The Trust welcomes the University's initiative to deal more appropriately with the waste bins on Palace Green. It appreciates the demands of dealing with a busy 'honeypot' site and wishes to express its appreciation for the sterling work done by the current person who empties the bins. This has been especially difficult during the COVID crisis when people have used the Green as a local open space.

On such a busy site the bins are only part of a solution to waste and litter management and the Trust raises the following queries;

- Is the back up to the bin emptying system flexible enough to cope with varying peaks?
- Can the public be relied on to effectively use the self selection for different forms of litter for recycling, particularly at peak times?
- Has the type of bin proposed proved effective within Durham city centre?
- Are the large red wheelie bins used for University buildings around the Green included in the system? They are especially unsightly when stored around the Green.

The proposed bin locations are appropriate given the need. The bins cannot be viewed as a positive addition, simply an essential one. The lack of detailing and basic colour finish is appropriate. Subject to satisfactory checks on the system as above, the Trust would support the proposal – otherwise it would suggest looking at a different, simpler bin type.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, City of Durham Trust