

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

c/o Blakett, Hart & Pratt, LLP
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Belmont
Durham, DH1 1TH
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Dear Ms Penman

DM/22/00557/FPA Mast at Vane Tempest Hall Maynards Row Gilesgate DH1 1Qp
Proposed alterations to existing telecommunications installation on rooftop

The Trust would like to review this application but has not found sufficient information available on the planning portal. There is only a written description and a very poor reproduction of a photograph showing the existing mast. It falls very substantially below the quality of information for other mast upgrades. There were concerns about the condition of the Hall in the County Council Conservation Area appraisal and this was echoed in the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan.

The Trust notes the County Council Design and Conservation advice but is unable to assess this until further information is provided. The Trust intends to respond when the information you will also require becomes available.

Vane Tempest Hall is Grade II listed, but we cannot trace a listed building application for this proposal. When, five years ago, the current installation was approved there was such an application, ref DM/17/01499/LB, and we consider a listed building application should be required on this occasion too.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, City of Durham Trust