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**DM/21/03661/FPA: 8 Blaidwood Drive, Durham
Demolition of bungalow and erection of 3 two-storey houses**

Dear Ms Hurton

The City of Durham Trust wishes to restate its objections to this amended application. We submitted our original objections on 28 July 2022 and we do not consider that the amendments address our concerns.

Our main concern was the lack of any serious provision for sustainable, renewable energy and the absence of EV charging provision. These concerns have not been addressed at all and that is totally unacceptable according to County and Neighbourhood Plan policies as specified in our previous letter, and in the current climate emergency as recognised by both national and local governments.

We also expressed concern about the intensity of the proposed development, replacing one bungalow with three two-storey dwellings. These concerns are backed up by the comments from the occupier of 16 Blaidwood Drive whose privacy would be affected by the development. This loss of amenity is blithely ignored by the supporting letter from BH Planning and Design, dated 4 November 2022. The fact that they believe that the latest version of the NPPF dates from February 2019 does not inspire confidence in their judgement.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, City of Durham Trust