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DM/23/00607/VOC
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Dear Mr Fenwick

The City of Durham Trust strongly opposes this application to vary Condition 10 of the planning approval attached to application DM/20/01107/FPA. This new application seeks to remove the word 'non-opening' for purge ventilation purposes.

The wording of Condition 10 is clear and definite: “The proposed first floor en-suite windows within the north and south side elevations of the dwelling shall be non-opening and obscured to level 3 or higher of the Pilkington scale of privacy or equivalent. The windows shall be maintained thereafter in perpetuity.”

It is difficult to imagine how it is possible to remove a condition that is explicitly required to be “maintained thereafter **in perpetuity**.” (emphasis added)

Furthermore, the objections from neighbours (Mr Williams and Mr & Mrs Clark) as well as the letter from the City of Durham Parish Council (20 March 2023) that appear on the planning portal all catalogue a story of multiple breaches of conditions by the applicant. Astonishingly, they include a breach of Condition 10 as the windows that have been installed from the beginning were not “non-opening”.

The applicant must not be allowed to get away with this flagrant flaunting of this condition. Otherwise it brings the planning system itself into disrepute.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, City of Durham Trust