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Dear Ms White,

DM/23/02301/FPA 1-6 Lambton Walk Durham DH1 4SW

Replacement of all front elevation windows from timber to upvc/aluminium

1. The Trust recommends that the application, if approved, should require that the grey aluminium option is selected, and care taken over detailing to preserve the bay formation and include lead work to the bay roof.
2. The block is of significance in the townscape because of its prominent riverside frontage and that the block when reconstructed as part of the original Gates development recreated the traditional front elevation. Alteration to this would impact on the conservation area and the setting to the World Heritage Site.
3. The application offers a choice between the aluminium and uPVC and lacks detail on how the bay would be detailed. uPVC would be of inferior appearance on this frontage and create a larger than necessary frame. If only the uPVC option had been submitted the Trust would have objected and referenced the County Durham Plan Policies 44 and 45 and Durham City Neighbourhood Plan Policies H1 and H2. This would be based on negative impact on the conservation area and the WHS setting.
4. The collective application for these properties to unify the treatment of the block is very welcome, consequently, the Trust has not objected. However, it wishes these comments to be taken into consideration when deciding on the application. It will object should the aluminium option not be selected, and the form of the existing bay not be proposed to be replicated.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, City of Durham Trust