

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

c/o Blakett, Hart & Pratt, LLP
Aire House
Mandale Business Park
Belmont
Durham, DH1 1TH
7 May 2024

**DM/24/00912/LB: Erection of non-load bearing partition; alteration of non-load bearing partition; removal of steel spiral stair and restoration of timber staircase,
27 Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HN**

Dear Ms Woodruff

The City of Durham Trust objects to this application for listed building consent because it contains implications for an increase in the number of bedspaces from 5 to 6. In doing so it fails to comply with the County Council's HMO standards for bathrooms, hand basins and toilets. As such it thus fails to comply with Policy 29 of the *County Durham Plan* that requires the provision of high standards of amenity and privacy. The Trust does not consider that the exceptional circumstances allowed for by the County Council's HMO standards document are present in this case.

We therefore request that the application should be refused.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, City of Durham Trust