

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

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14 April 2024

Dear Ms Hurton

**DM/23/02236/FPA | Sub-divide dwelling (C3) into 3no flats (Part retrospective)  
1 Beech Crest Durham DH1 4QF**

The City of Durham Trust has recently been made aware that the applicant has submitted substantial additional documentation in support of this application, long after the closing date. This includes two documents from Marrons, a *Supporting Statement* (29 pages) and a *Local Housing Market Report* (20 pages). The Trust considers that this substantial additional documentation should have been drawn to the attention of those, including the Trust, who submitted objections to the original application. These are not minor amendments.

Having said that, the Trust does not consider that they make the application any more acceptable. We stand by our original objection of 26 September 2023 and further more we fully endorse the detailed objections submitted by Mr Gemmill in his submission that was posted on the planning portal on 6 April 2024.

This is a muddled application based on flawed assertions about the local housing market and it should be rejected.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe  
Chair, City of Durham Trust