

Dear Mr Chong

## 24/01150/FPA The Kiosk Freemans Reach Riverside Place Durham DH1 1SL

### **Retention of timber raised decking and stainless-steel balustrade**

Retrospective planning permission was granted on 2 August 2024 for the retention of timber raised decking and a stainless-steel balustrade at the COHO Kiosk, Freemans Reach, Riverside Place, Durham, DH1 1SL.

The Trust had objected to the planning application, considering the materials and design wholly inappropriate to the location and contributing to the blockage of a public path by large storage bins and car parking. While its objection to the decking was unsuccessful, the Trust's concerns about the path were recognised and the permission was subject to the following condition:

#### **No Parking or Bin Storage on Adopted Footway**

**Please be advised that no parking or bin storage is permitted to take place on the pathway adjacent to the south/south west elevation of the building as this pathway is an adopted footpath that requires continuous unobstructed access for pedestrians and wheelchair access. Any parking or storage on this adopted footpath constitutes an obstruction of the highway and is subject to controls and enforcement by the Highways Authority.**

Trustees find that this condition is being violated. The large bins remain on the footway and this is often blocked completely by parking when the kiosk is open. A removable metal bollard restricts access to the raised footway from the road, but this seems to be being removed, presumably by staff at the Kiosk, to enable parking of up to three vehicles, as shown in the photo below for 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Trustees request that the planning condition be respected, and enforced.



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