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Ms Emma Price
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Planning Department
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Dear Ms Price

**DM/26/00173/FPA Dun Holm House And The Riverwalk Millburngate Durham
DH1 4SL**

Replacement of existing timber facades with alternative material, and other associated works

The Trust welcomed the opportunity that the applicants gave to the Trust to comment at the pre application stage. This was particularly helpful in understanding the dilemma that buildings such as this face with fire safety and changing fire regulations.

While the use of artificial 'lookalike ' materials is not something that the Trust would usually support, it is clear that there are no alternatives if the original building design approach is to be maintained. The Trust therefore supports the approach the consultants are taking and hopes that further work with suppliers will fine tune the final selection of finishes.

Yours sincerely,

John Lowe

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