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Dear Ms Beveridge

**DM/26/01835/FPA: Single-storey side extension, and single-storey rear extension,
11 St Mary's Close, Shincliffe, County Durham DH1 2ND**

The City of Durham Trust notes the above proposal as being in a very sensitive location. St Mary's Close is situated in the Shincliffe Conservation Area and was designed for the Dean and Chapter of Durham Cathedral by the renowned conservation architect Sir Donald Insall CBE. St Mary's Close received a national Civic Trust Award in 1962 for its planned design, landscaping, and layout. Accordingly, the greatest care needs to be taken with proposals that change any aspects of the design and landscaping. The Trust therefore urges that meticulous scrutiny is given to the above application so as to ensure that the integrity of Insall's design is unharmed.

Yours sincerely,

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