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Ms Clare Walton
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Planning Department
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Dear Ms Walton,

DM/26/02599/FPA - 113 High Street, Carrville, Durham ,DH1 1BQ

Change of Use from a 3-bedroom single dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a 3-bedroom House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for up to 3 occupants, including internal soundproofing measures and provision for bike and bin storage.

The Trust is pleased to commend and support Environmental Health's consultee response dated 15 October 2026 which identifies significant fire safety deficiencies in the proposals and the need for further information to be provided by the applicant. Detailed options are set out in the report regarding the alterations needed to make the submitted proposals safe.

Until plans are amended and the necessary information is provided to make clear how Environmental Health's concerns will be addressed, the Trust considers that the proposals currently represent an unacceptable risk of death or injury to future residents. Consequently, the proposals fail to comply with either Policy 29 or Policy 31 of the County Durham Plan which require, respectively, that all development proposals achieve well designed buildings & provide high standards of amenity and demonstrate that future occupiers of the proposed development will have acceptable living and/or working conditions.

Accordingly, the Trust feels obliged to object to this application in its present form.

Should the necessary amendments be submitted, the Trust will be pleased to review its objection.

Yours sincerely,

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