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These comments are submitted on behalf of Darlington CAMRA.

We support the principle of sustainable communities, where residents have access to local services of schools, health, recreation, shopping, social and community facilities within safe and convenient walking/cycling distance of their homes. New development in locations where the motor car is required for such access should not be permitted.

National Planning Policy acknowledges the importance of pubs as valuable meeting places for local activities and, in the Borough of Darlington, these are sustainably found in or adjoining the Town Centre, in District and Local Centres, in villages and elsewhere in the urban area. Development which involves the loss of community facilities should not be allowed unless it can be demonstrated that they are not economically viable or can not be run by the community.

Where new large scale housing development is to take place, it should be properly planned and be of sufficient scale to support a new local centre offering a range of serves and facilities, including a pub (West Park is a good example of this).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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