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Question 1a	
Do you consider that the Local Plan is Legally compliant?	Yes
Question 1b	
Do you consider that the Local Plan sound?	No
Question 1c	
Do you consider that the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate?	Yes
Question 2	
Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Positively prepared <input type="checkbox"/> Effective
Question 3a	
Your Comments	

Please give details of why you consider that this part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate.

It is, in part, too vague and could, in future, be misconstrued or taken advantage of, by unscrupulous developers.

Question 3b

Your Comments

As you have supported this part of the plan do you wish to provide any additional comments?

My concerns are :

1. Everything in this Local Plan seems geared to building, either houses or roads with insufficient constraints of what will and will not be acceptable.
2. We do not appear to have been clear in what we will and will not accept regarding design and materials.
3. We do not appear to have been clear that we EXPECT housing that will LAST for another 100 years.
4. We only seem to be concerned with the life of this Plan, i.e. until 2036 - no consideration, or room for future thoughts/debates, is allowed for.
5. It still reads like a "developer's charter", as opposed to "providing for the people".
6. There isn't sufficient definition for building more solidly, i.e. for THIS generation of schoolchildren and their children.
7. There isn't enough clarity regarding "house mixes". "Old people" and "disabled people" are given a cursory mention; but there is nothing of solid structure to say what we need to see built.
8. There is too much emphasis on "building for future jobs", without appearing to concur that a good proportion of those jobs may well be taken by people who live outwith Darlington, but still locally enough to travel in; ergo we do NOT need to build homes for those jobs.
9. There is insufficient mention regarding water-retention devices to prepare for future droughts. (I appreciate this is a NATIONAL problem too, but that should not preclude it from being mentioned in OUR Local Plan, should it?)

I would like to see all the above incorporated into our Local Plan, to provide for the next two generations of home-dwellers at least.

Question 4

Changes Sought

Please Note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. There is the opportunity to attach Word or PDF files before submitting your comment.

After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues identified for examination.

Please set out what change(s) to the Local Plan you consider necessary to make it legally compliant or sound. You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text.

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Question 5

Attendance at Examination Hearings

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings? Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearings

Question 5a

Participation at Examination Hearings

Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the examination hearings.

If you wish to participate at the examination hearings, please outline why you consider it to be necessary?

To ensure my comments are given due consideration.

Question 6

Do you request to be notified that the Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 22(3) of the regulations and to be notified of the adoption of the Local Plan? Yes, I request to be notified