

## Comment

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**Question 1b**

**Do you consider that the Local Plan sound?** No

### Question 2

**Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)** . Positively prepared

### 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.**

The plan does not enforce the use of energy efficient measures and low carbon technologies but it will encourage them. Developers consider energy efficient measures such as solar panels and other technologies such as heat pumps as too expensive to include on ne properties, indeed recent developments within the Borough have none of these measures. There is no mention in the plan of what energy efficient measures will be encouraged or how these will be enforced to minimise the effects of climate change.

In 2018 Darlington Borough Council declared a climate change emergency. This plan shows no evidence in trying to mitigate that emergency; in fact Policy H10 only goes to exacerbate it with its rural location and reliance on car journeys to get to the centre of town or to work. Given the extent of

the development at Policy H10, this plan will not minimise the impact of climate change and will only go to increase its effects further.

#### 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.**

We would advocate that the plan enforces the use of energy efficient measures and low carbon technologies on all new developments and specifically details what these will be.

That Policy H10 is reviewed given the detrimental effect its increased car journeys will have on the climate and the objective of minimising the effects of climate change.

#### Question 5

##### Attendance at Examination Hearings

**If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings?** No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings

#### 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