

## Comment

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### Question 2

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

### 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.**

Please can I register my objection to the above plan?

As a resident of north Darlington, I will be directly and negatively affected by this plan to build houses on the only significant green space within walking distance of my house. I walk my dog in the area on a regular basis and have found that during the Covid 19 crisis, the area has become even more vital to my mental health due to peaceful, wildlife rich environment.

Since so many people have been working from home in the last few months, some employers will be questioning whether this is the way forward, resulting in many office complexes becoming redundant and potential redevelopment opportunities. These areas are closer to the town centre, and as we all know, people who live near a town centre are more likely to use town centre facilities. Surely these areas should be considered for redevelopment before a huge swathe of green space is turned into a mass of brick and tarmac, resulting in a devastating loss of wildlife habitat?

I will also be negatively affected by the increase in pollution in the north of Darlington as the likelihood is that all these new houses will have at least 1 car per household

#### 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.**

I implore the council to rethink the destruction of our green spaces and to become the champions of the natural world in and around Darlington, not an irresponsible organisation that puts increased council tax revenue before the health and wellbeing of its residents