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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.

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There was a nasty accident recently where a boy was knocked over and nearly died. I would hate to see an increased risk of road traffic accidents with extra traffic.

Whinfield road acts like the northern ring road, this is already at a complete standstill in rush hour times it will simply not be able to cope, with extra demand of thousands of houses.

Access to the doctors surgery for ambulances could also be negatively effected with the extra traffic, which could cost lives. Sparrow Hall Drive is simply not able to cope with volume of traffic of extra houses, things are bad enough now, with extra traffic comes increased risk to people.

Having a four year old son whom I have to cross the road daily to Asda, doctors surgery and Whinfield school. The traffic on these roads is already extremely busy. Crossing the road is already a worry for me and many parents and elderly residents. As cars are parked on both sides of Sparrow Hall Drive.

The traffic going into the doctors surgery car park, already makes the end of Sparrowhall Drive dangerous to cross. Increased housing will make this worse. Also there will be an increase in pollution from car fumes, my wife and family already have asthma as well as many other local residents.

I would also like to query where Darlington Borough Council gets its figures from for this extra large demand for housing, when it has already built many houses in the last few years and is building more? Darlington's roads simply cannot deal with this extra load, they are already struggling now to cope.

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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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With climate change getting worse we need to protect our green spaces, and celebrate them.

I would urge you to reconsider this plan, and protect the green spaces there.

I pose this question, why does Darlington need two garden villages? I would prefer neither are built, but at least the one at Burtree Gate is close to A1, for traffic access.

I hope you will reconsider what the residents in Darlington want,