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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)

- Effective
- Justified

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.

I would like to object to the plan to build 4,500 houses at Skerningham Village. I feel that this is a ridiculously high number of houses and that the local area does not have the facilities to support this number. I suspect that this figure is deliberately high, so that when a smaller number are built everyone will feel a sense of relief.

Many years local people campaigned successfully against the development at Muscar Farm and eventually this was shelved.

Having visited the information event at Oban Court some months ago, I understand that this will be the first area to be developed. Whatever the developers say, initially there will be no extra facilities, and the roads of Barmpton Lane and Whinbush Way will see traffic increase to an unacceptable level.

Also there is the issue of the closeness of the proposed development to the river Skerne. Extra housing could leave established housing prone to increased risk of flooding.

I would ask that you take these points into consideration when making your decision.

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