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Question 1a	
Do you consider that the Local Plan is Legally compliant?	No
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?	No
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
Question 3a	
Your Comments	

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With respect to non-designated assets, there is currently no Local List available despite a commitment from DBC back in 2018. A Local List, with public consultation, should have been undertaken before the draft Local Plan was finalised. If we don't understand what our non-designated assets are in Darlington, then how can we effectively have a Local Plan in place without knowing what we should be protecting. One of the criteria for nondesignated heritage assets is rarity. The Black Poplars in Skertingham are extremely rare and should be protected from development. Parks and green spaces are classed as historic environment so therefore the list of parks and green spaces on the DBC website should be classed as historic environment. Skertingham Community Forest is listed there.

Question 4

Changes Sought

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The Local List of non-designated assets should be undertaken with public consultation and then the Local Plan should be re-drafted accordingly.

Question 5

Attendance at Examination Hearings

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No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings

Question 6

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Yes, I request to be notified

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Consultation Point	Policy ENV 4 Green and Blue Infrastructure (Strategic Policy) (View)
Status	Processed
Submission Type	Web
Version	0.2
Question 1a	
Do you consider that the Local Plan is Legally compliant?	No
Question 1b	
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Question 1c	
Do you consider that the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
Question 2	
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Community forests are listed under Darlington's Green Infrastructure Network in the Green Infrastructure Strategy 2013 - 2026. Skertingham Community Forest is shown as a Designated Wildlife Area in the Map within the Local Plan in Figure 9.1. This policy states that planning permission should be refused for development that results in a loss of existing green space unless it can be proved that the loss of the space would not cause significant harm to the character and appearance of the area or to local biodiversity. I feel that the loss of a community woodland cannot be justified and there will be significant harm and loss of biodiversity. There is not an identified surplus of green space in the area and recreational needs of residents will be affected with the loss of this woodland. This woodland has been well-used in during the pandemic where some residents have only just discovered it. Residents who knew about the woodland have been using it more and more. The area will not have housing on it, but a golf course. It can be argued that a golf course will only appeal to a very small number of residents, whereas a community woodland appeals to a lot more residents.

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Skertingham Community Forest should be protected and the Local Plan amended accordingly.

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Consultation Point	Policy ENV 6 Local Green Space (View)
Status	Processed
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Version	0.3
Question 1a	
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9.4.6 - Merrybent Community Woodland is listed as a Local Green space but Skerningham Community Woodland is not. Both were planted around the same time. Not sure why one is included and one is not. Skerningham Community Woodland is actually the larger of the two. In the Council's Green Infrastructure Guide 2013 to 2026 - Skerningham Community Woodland is listed as Darlington's Green Infrastructure. This document shows the important projects that are expected to take place by 2026. On page 17 of this document, Skerningham has a detailed plan of how it is expected to be improved, ie, extending the woodland, creating wildlife friendly landscape, extending the rights of way and improving the visitor experience. Skerningham Community Woodland should be included in the list of Local Green Spaces.

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Skerningham Community Woodland should be protected and the Local Plan amended accordingly.

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The Environmental Bill is currently going through parliament. This will mean that developers will need to achieve mandatory biodiversity net gain, ie, leave the environment in a better state than when we found it. There should be at least a 10 per cent improvement. This should be calculate using the Government's biodiversity calculator known as the 'Defra metric'. This hasn't not been done.

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Calculation of the biodiversity net gain should be undertaken before the Local Plan is approved.

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