

## 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)**

- Positively prepared
- 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.**

Low Coniscliffe/Merrybent not included in rural gaps to be protected and improved which is included in the Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Neighbourhood Plan which was accepted in full by Darlington Borough Council and which includes plans to extend Merrybent Wood onto the land earmarked in this plan for development!

Not legally compliant as it goes against agreed Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent Neighbourhood Plan previously stated and that the Parish and council agreed that 24 houses to be developed as opposed to the 1520 now being proposed.

The settlement boundaries were agreed by DBC & this development would totally absorb Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent into Darlington boundaries losing their identity as Villages.

### 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.**

Removal of the planned development of 1520 houses allocated as Coniscliffe Park and to actively look to developing the proposed extension of Merrybent Woods to provide a nature reserve & protect the River Tees corridor. As previously agreed by DBC by accepting the Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **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