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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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Positively prepared. Effective. Justified. Consistent with national policy
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.

Over the last few months of lockdown and restrictions on movement due to the current and ongoing pandemic, these areas have become even more well used and more precious to the residents of this part of Darlington.

Please register my objections and please take into account the wellbeing of the local residents of this part of town and reconsider this reckless and unnecessary proposal.

I question why Darlington needs the massive number of new houses which are being proposed. Government figures show otherwise.

At present our town centre is becoming underused, under visited and with many retailers leaving – the proposal will lead to the outward sprawl of housing around a town which already has many houses for sale and not selling. Darlington still has many unused brownfield sites which should be used before you start digging up our beautiful surrounding countryside.

In the Whinfield area, our local services are already stretched and our roads are overcrowded – the prospect of thousands of new houses on our doorstep would only add to the traffic congestion and pollution we already endure.

The threat of the permanent loss of our countryside with its ancient pathways, wildlife habitats and recreational areas is beyond understanding. These should be considered as assets to the town and protected.

The proposed relocation of Darlington Golf Club makes no sense at all. Moving an established golf course a few hundred yards away at the expense of our valuable countryside and woodlands can only be for one purpose – there must be profit in it for someone – and that is truly terrible.

Our green spaces are precious. Once lost, they are gone forever and the residents of Darlington and Whinfield in particular will be the worse for it.

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