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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.

I am emailing to lodge my objection to the development of the Skertingham site in the Local Plan. The amount of housing planned will destroy the countryside and wildlife habitats that surround this area and will significantly change the character and appearance of the area forever. The plan will strain existing resources and traffic congestion/pollution in the area. The green spaces in Darlington should be protected from increasing urban encroachment.

The preferred option would be to build on brownfield sites along with a reassessment of the actual needs of housing in Darlington. There has already been an increased building in the Springfield, Haughton Road, McMullen Road and Redhall areas, building on Whinfield reduces again the green areas available to Darlington. In addition the proposal to relocate the golf course to an area of natural beauty is unacceptable. Golf courses only benefit a minority and destroy natural habitats while the green spaces benefit all including the poorer members of society.

It is positive to see that Springfield Park has been removed from the plan, but this only addresses one issue of this Local Plan, the proposal of which can only be of detriment to the local residents and those of the town in general.

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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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