

## Comment

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**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)**

- Positively prepared
- 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 wish to object to the skerningham plan, I've lived near this green area North of darlington for almost 40years in total, and would like to see my children grow up to enjoy the area as much as I do, along with the rich biodiversity . I object to the soundness of the plans, given our current situation with covid, the population spread and employment spread is going to change, with lots of the workforce expected

to now work from home not just for the period of covid but for the foreseeable future. We now have no need for the proposed northern bypass, traffic volume has dropped significantly, and it is noticeable. As for housing, we again have less information to where people will settle, if they can work from home, then the workforce may choose to move away from Darlington, or less likely to move to Darlington for work, and we generally have no detailed plan of how this will affect local population growth and movement. There is now greater emphasis from the government on the country keeping healthy and fit physically and mentally, in natural fresh air, we should use the skertingham area for this purpose and promote this beautiful area. The proposed "garden village", is far from truly green and against sustainability, we can not continue to grow into our green areas and continue to consume our natural world at this rate, and instead need to find a way to limit consumption and work in social hubs/commons, to bring a better, sustainable and more fulfilling lifestyle for generations to come.

#### **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