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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 moved to contact you to voice my strong objection to the proposed destruction of the green field sites in the Skertingham area of north Darlington.

As residents of the Oakwood Drive Estate, myself and my young family regularly walk, run and cycle on the amazing tracks, forests and fields of the Skertingham area. The thought of this beautiful, natural environment being destroyed by the creation of new housing and corresponding road network is truly shocking. I have spoken to a number of residents in the area who are also deeply alarmed at this prospect.

I strongly urge you to consider what damage this development would do, not only to the environment, but to the health and wellbeing of local residents, who having deliberately chosen to live on the edge of town to enjoy this stunning countryside.

If the proposal were to go ahead we will find ourselves swallowed up in huge soulless urban sprawl. This, together with the continued deterioration of Darlington town centre, will only serve to make this town a less appealing place to live.

I trust you will consider these, and many other peoples similar concerns, ahead of any short-term financial incentives offered by the developers. Once these green field sites are gone, they're gone forever.