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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.

Darlington is built on reclaimed marsh land and some of its properties very precariously too, hence the many 'Nature Reserves' and parkland. Skerningham also has many areas that flood, will building further afield have a devastating affect on houses outlying the area? Will there be sustainable drainage systems put in place? Has an intense Flood Risk Assessment been made?

The only uncontaminated part of the River Skerne is to the north of Darlington between Skerningham and Preston-le-Skerne. 'Once contaminated it is very difficult and costly, in fact impossible to clean ground water'.

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.

I believe the Local Plan should be scrapped and Skerningham Woods be declared an 'Area of Outstanding Beauty'. This would encourage visitors, secure the environment, protect our wildlife, sustain clean air, and give our council a good reputation. Less roads, more rail - that's what our town represents and should still lead the way forward with this means of transportation.

We don't know what may lie ahead for us in these unprecedented times, but by supporting nature we can't go wrong. North Yorkshire retains its beauty in abundance, why can't Darlington?

Question 5

Attendance at Examination Hearings

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings? Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearings

Question 5a

Participation at Examination Hearings

Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the examination hearings.

If you wish to participate at the examination hearings, please outline why you consider it to be necessary?

I wish to participate at the examination hearings because I am passionate about the future well being of our town. I am not selfishly thinking of today, but of our children's future health and those of generations to come. We have the pollution factor in our hands and it is our responsibility to do all we can to preserve the environment.

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