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Question 1a	
Do you consider that the Local Plan is Legally compliant?	Yes
Question 1b	
Do you consider that the Local Plan sound?	Yes
Question 1c	
Do you consider that the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate?	Yes
Question 2	
Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)	
Question 3b	
Your Comments	

As you have supported this part of the plan do you wish to provide any additional comments?

Generally we welcome the principles of this policy. We believe it is critical to ensure that development proposals separate, minimise and control surface water run-off, with SUDS being the preferred option. Northumbrian Water actively promotes sustainable surface water management across the region, and therefore we welcome the hierarchy approach which will be used to create all surface water drainage solutions.

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.

We note that the policy states that major development of 10 or more dwellings will be required to submit a drainage strategy to show the site drainage can be adequately dealt with. Although we are not a statutory consultee, Northumbrian Water actively respond to all planning applications which provides us with an opportunity to secure sufficient information with regards to the management of foul and surface water flows arising from the development so that we are able to assess our capacity to treat the flows. We recommend that any development for 3 or more properties (or the equivalent in terms of commercial and industrial developments) apply for a pre-planning enquiry or submit a detailed drainage scheme so that we are able to assess our network to ensure the proposed development shall not increase the risk of flooding. As a result we use conditions through the planning process to ensure the proposed development connects to the public sewerage network at the agreed point of connection and at the agreed discharge rates, as the planning process enables us to secure these details which we would otherwise lack control over once planning permission was granted. As the LLFA do not review applications under 10 dwellings we feel it is crucial for us to monitor these smaller sites, particularly to ensure the surface water flows are restricted where possible when entering the public sewerage network.

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