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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.

Thank you for your notification received on the 5 August 2020 in respect of the above consultation.

We previously commented on the Darlington Local Plan in a letter to the LPA made on the 2 August 2018.

We are pleased to see that the Local Plan's relationship to other relevant plans is set out in the text, including reference to the Tees Valley Minerals and Waste Strategy.

As we previously noted there is only a small area of coal mining legacy and surface coal resource in the Darlington area, along the northern edge of the district, outside of the urban area and the places where new development is being proposed. We are however pleased to see that reference made to the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Plan notes that this document includes the Coal Authority's coal legacy and coal resources information.

On the basis of the above we have no specific comments to make in respect of the Local Plan.