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*Statement in response to Matter 1 – Climate Change

The local plan is not climate friendly it is not considering the green space used by many for leisure and exercise, the environmental impact and damage would be catastrophic and its unnecessary damage that would be irreparable, there are more appropriate brown sites and town buildings that could be developed for housing (IF more housing in our very small Borough is even necessary).

This will result in loss of biodiversity - all sites should offer net biodiversity gain how will this be possible with so much green space and woodland being developed?

*Statement in response to Matter 4, H10 – Skerningham.

I believe DBC have already met the build quota as set by Gov and yet building continues to go on in ALL rural villages of the Borough inc MSG, Hurworth, Heighington, Conniscliffe etc how much more do they really need at the detriment to our limited green space? With this in mind I cannot see how the Garden Village at Skerningham is a justifiable development.

In addition, communities have been excluded and not able to have a meaningful say in these sites going into the plan. Surely utilising town space and empty buildings closer to town is more sensible if the LP needs to provide affordable housing for young and old who need access to amenities why develop so far out of town? This development is considerably large with family homes and no services it will create so much traffic as people will need to travel by car to get anywhere! Thus, it creates a car dependant urban sprawl- the DLP seems to be put together to fund several new roads all joined up with form an inner road, with(if funded) the Bypass being the outer link road. With this in mind take a look at Middleton St George as an example of how over development and bypasses causes not solves problems. MSG was once a village its now a small town. The bypass there was put in to protect the village from busy A66 traffic. Its now LOCAL traffic from all the obscene development that has been allowed there that is causing congestion, schools are no longer big enough and neither is the GP. I believe the Local Plan and development of Skerningham Garden Village will result in same problems.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration