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**STATEMENT OF RICHARD COWEN TO THE EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC  
INTO THE  
DARLINGTON LOCAL PLAN**

**RELATING TO MATTER 7**

In her representations relating to Policies E1 and E2, Mrs Gibson made representations in respect of Teesside International Airport. I believe these representations are relevant to Question 7.2.

*Q7.2. Subject to the Council's proposed modifications, will the existing employment sites listed in policy E1 table 7.2 and employment allocations listed in policy E2 table 7.3 provide sufficient opportunities to meet the anticipated need for business, industrial and storage/distribution developments over the plan period?*

Mrs Gibson represented that all business uses at the Airport should be airport related. Since her representations, the Airport has in fact increased its use for passenger services and, as I understand it, is proposing to expand on its current services. This may now be more important as the airport becomes part of the Freeport. As a result, I represent that Mrs Gibson's representations may now be more important than they were at the time she made them.

The Proposed Main Modification for Teesside International Airport appears to show the B2 and E(g) uses need not be airport use related. The relevant provision in the modification states "B1, B2, E(g) **and** Airport related uses" (my emphasis).

This appears to make it clear that employment uses at the Airport need not be airport related. Given the current improved and (hopefully) improving state of the Airport, I represent that there is an increased need for the Airport to be used only for airport related use. I therefore represent that the word "and" be deleted and the words "uses that are" be substituted for it.

While the question may not specifically address this issue, I represent that if this is not done, the Airport could be used for standard, non-airport related, uses that could

lead to a subsequent airport related use not being able to locate there. That would appear to thwart opportunities for airport related business in the future during the Plan period.