



Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Notice of consultation on the Darlington Local Plan – Proposed Modifications

19 October to 30 November 2021

The Inspector conducting the examination of the Darlington Local Plan has concluded that Main Modifications are required to make the plan sound. A schedule of proposed Main Modifications has been prepared which is to be the subject of consultation. The Main Modifications are proposed without prejudice to the Inspectors' final conclusions on the plan, which will take into account all of the representations submitted in response to this consultation. In addition to the proposed Main Modifications, comments are invited on the following:

- A schedule of proposed modifications to the **Local Plan Policies Map**
- **Sustainability Appraisal** of the Modifications
- **Habitats Regulations Assessment** of the Modifications
- **Minor Modifications** proposed by the Council

The consultation runs from:

Tuesday 19 October 2021 until 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021

How to view the documents

During the consultation period a copy of the consultation documents will be available for inspection on the Council's consultation portal:

<https://darlington.objective.co.uk/portal/>

And by **prior appointment** at Darlington Borough Council Customer Contact Centre:
Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington, DL1 5QT

Customer Services are currently operating on an appointment only basis to help ensure everyone's safety. Normal office opening days and times during the consultation are:

Monday – Wednesday 8.30am – 4.45pm

Thursday 9.30am – 4.15pm

Friday 8.30am – 4.15pm

You will need to make an appointment if you wish to come to the Customer Contact Centre to view the documents. Appointments must be booked **24 hours prior** to attending the Town Hall to view the documents. Bookings will be in one hour slots (if you feel you may need longer you can book a longer slot or additional slots at a different time. It is important that you turn up in time for your booking or you may be refused entry and will need to rebook).

Bookings can be made by contacting the Planning Policy team on either 01325 406724 or by email at planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk. You will have to provide your full name, address and contact number when making a booking for Track and Trace purposes. You will be asked about Coronavirus symptoms when booking an appointment, and when entering the building – please wear a mask if possible and do not attend if you have coronavirus symptoms.

Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes earlier than your appointment time. On arrival you will be met by a member of the planning staff, asked to sanitise your hands and shown to a private room, which is regularly cleaned. When you have finished you will be escorted out of the building.

The consultation documents will also be available to view at the following places:

Darlington Library, Crown Street
Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm

Cockerton Library
Documents will be available once the library has reopened after its refurbishment.

How to make representations

Representations on consultation documents can be made:

Online: At the Council's consultation portal <https://darlington.objective.co.uk/portal/>

By email: planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk

In writing: Planning Policy, Darlington Borough Council, Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT

Please note: the representations period ends at **5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021**. To comply with current planning regulations any representations received after this time will be treated as if they were received on the next working day. As such they will be late representations and may not be considered by the Inspector. As this is a formal representation period no exceptions or extensions can be made.

Representations on the Main Modifications and Policies Map changes are required to state how they relate to 'Soundness' and 'Legal Compliance'.

This is not an opportunity to raise again matters relating to other parts of the submitted Darlington Local Plan that have already been considered by the Inspector during the Examination. The Inspector will only consider representations which relate specifically to the proposed Main Modifications and the other consultation documents.