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Question 1

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Question 2

What best describes the nature of your representation? Object

Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Legally Compliant? No

Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Sound? No

Question 4

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The proposed Skerningham Garden Village development would be car dependent and would undermine national efforts to reduce carbon emissions, as would the proposals to cut down existing woodland that is already acting as a carbon sink, and so disregards the direction set out in NPPF(2021) and in the requirements of Climate Change Act (2008).

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The proposal to build the Skerningham Garden Village should be withdrawn from the Local Plan in entirety.

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Question 2

What best describes the nature of your representation?	Object
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Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Legally Compliant?	No
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Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Sound?	No
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Brampton Lane is currently a very minor road leading to to the tiny hamlet of Brampton. It provides one the main access routes for walkers to the countryside on the east of the town. Opening the road to increased levels of traffic would severely impact on the quality of of local people.

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Any plan to manage traffic on Brampton Lane should include provision for walkers and cyclists.

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Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound	
Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Legally Compliant?	Yes
Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Sound?	No
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It appears that the absence of protection for Skerningham Woods because they are not listed under the European Natura scheme is being exploited for planning purposes. Darlington is not richly endowed with areas for wildlife and to open the site for development just because it has not be captured under

a European scheme is extremely short sighted and could deprive future generations of access to green areas for their physical and mental health.

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Make protecting our already shrinking green areas a priority in the local plan.

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Question 2

What best describes the nature of your representation? Object

Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Legally Compliant? No

Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Sound? No

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The construction of a 'local distribution road,' between the Little Burden roundabout and the A167 , which is intimately linked with the Skertingham would represent an entirely unwelcome blot on the landscape in the area of locally valued countryside.

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Remove the planned construction of the road from the planning document.

The work to ease the flow of traffic around the A66 roundabout at Little Burdon has been completed and this entry can be removed for clarity.

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Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

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The woods at Skerningham have rightly been described as the jewel in the crown the Borough of Darlington. The provision of MM65 is that any planned development should have a net gain of publicly accessible community woodland. Cutting down well established trees which were specifically designated as community woodland flies in the face of common sense and public opinion.

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Starting making provision to protect this woodland locally, as it's currently not protected under the Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

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The land at Skerningham is already a well-integrated and inter-connected network of footpaths and green spaces along the River Skerne from Glebe Road at Harrogate Hill to the village of Brampton, as such it is already irreplaceable as Darlington's most significant green space on the east side of the town. Constructing several thousand houses and inserting a bypass will do nothing to improve on that.

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Amend the planning document to give Skerningham the local protection that it deserves, it's the right thing to do until the land can be protected in some other way.