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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 Sound?	No
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Question 4

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The plan mentions mitigation on Barmpton Lane, Whinbush Way and Whinfield Road, but there is no detail. A council survey has suggested that there could be an extra 5,437 vehicles using the local

transport network in Whinfield. Barmpton Lane is the proposed main vehicular access point for the Skerningham development, but parts of this lane are not suitable to be modified in order to accommodate the increased volume of traffic. The roads around this area are already very busy at peak times, and this huge increase in traffic will only add further to the congestion. This will also make the council's effort to achieve net zero more difficult. More detail is required for meaningful scrutiny as presumably the mitigations will be significant.

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More detail on the mitigation proposals.

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Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

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The commitment to provide publicly accessible community woodland, wildlife friendly community spaces and recreational facilities is problematic, as this is what is at threat from this development. I

regularly run, cycle and walk with my family around this area and I see many local people enjoying this free, natural space without the need for a car. As there is good existing provision, well used by the community, protection of these areas would be a more sensible solution rather than creating new ones.

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Protect existing spaces from development

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Question 2

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Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Sound?	No
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The reference to offsetting losses due to a potential relocation of the golf course is unsound. An established, biodiverse area cannot be offset and requires protection.

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Offer greater certainty to residents over whether the golf course is to be moved or not, so that meaningful consultation on this can be made. Safeguard this established area for community use. There are many more of us that access this area for our mental and physical wellbeing than have the means or desire to use a golf course.

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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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as precise as possible. If you wish to support the Plan or comment on the Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum/Habitats Regulations Screening please also use this box to set out your comments.

Concern regarding the striking out of Paragraph c in the Main Modification 191, site 403. The site is listed with the other wildlife sites in the Borough in the Tees Valley Nature Partnership and mentioned in Darlington Council's Sustainability Appraisal Document, so it is very clearly considered a local wildlife site. It has also been identified as an important site for the Great Crested Newt population, so I can see no justification for this site's importance being downgraded.

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Blands Corner should be retained as a local wildlife site.

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Question 2

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I am really pleased to see the commitment to net zero, but it is important that the consistency of this target permeates the whole of the local plan.

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Aspects of this plan do not appear consistent with some of the proposals, namely the threat to the existing community woodland at Skerningham and the creation of a new, car dependent development. I am concerned that this amendment has not been checked against all of the proposals and that without more robust and specific cycle and public transport plans for a huge development like the garden village, there will be further strains on our borough's ability to contribute to the zero carbon target.

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Our family is very concerned about the huge increase in the figure given for Middleton St George from 260 to 860. Our village is designated a service village, and yet our existing services are already

stretched. The traffic in the centre of the village, particularly around the primary school area is so busy and congested that we no longer consider it safe to cycle with our children to school. Extra housing will only further erode community identity and cohesion, as well as putting huge strain on our roads and village amenities.

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There appears to be an unjustified focus on our village, other villages and valuable green spaces to fulfil the housing need. I would like to see proportionate and more creative responses to the borough's housing needs, such as building on brownfield sites and revitalising areas closer to the town centre.