

Comment

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Question 1

Which document/modification does this representation relate to? Main Modification Schedule *

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

Please give details of why you consider the Darlington Local Plan, incorporating the proposed Modifications to which your representation relates, is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be 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.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to express my concern, and to lodge an objection to the proposed Skerningham Garden Village development in our local area. The term 'Garden Village' is an inappropriate description I believe, for a proposed development of 4,500 houses, a total which, lets be honest, is the size of a small town. The recent events of the last 2 years have made Darlington residents very much aware

of the accessible countryside, natural spaces, and wild areas which we can all enjoy around our town. Any future development of such a size, no matter how well planned, will result in Darlington losing such 'wild' areas, in exchange for a less-interesting and watered down , artificially created development. Covid has led to huge numbers of people discovering and using these areas, and taking pride in them. Does the Council really believe that these valuable assets to the town should be lost to future generations? They are areas which should be valued and preserved, not negotiable merely to enable the council to tick boxes, or developers to make vast profits.

In addition it would seem that predictions of future traffic on already busy local roads, would bring many extra vehicles onto them. This is hardly in line with current thinking on reducing not increasing the possible impact of traffic on the lives of local people. A development of the size of this one which is being proposed would surely have an enormous effect on the health and well-being of the people in the area, in terms of possible future traffic.

The council is here to safeguard and improve the lives of its residents, I hope that this is at the forefront of members minds in any future meetings concerning this development.

Question 5

Please set out what changes you consider necessary to make the Plan legally compliant or sound and why, thinking about what you identified in Question 4. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording or any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

N/A