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Question 1

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

*** Please provide the reference number (where applicable), for example MM1, PM1, MIN1** MM40 & MM41

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 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.

The issues are in Policy H 4, Housing Mix.

- Proposals for housing development will no longer be 'expected' to provide an appropriate mix of housing, only 'encouraged'.
 - The types, sizes and tenures which 'meet' local needs as identified within the most up to date has been replaced by 'have regard to' which is weak.
 - 80 45% of all new dwellings will meet category 2 requirements (accessible and adaptable dwellings). Reducing the number of category 2 by almost half will not replace the original policy of Lifetime Homes. The vast majority of people will not be able to remain in their home should they need to be adapted. This 45% also comes with the caveat of 'subject to consideration of site suitability and site viability'
- Darlington Association on Disability feels very strongly about the above and challenge their soundness.

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.

no response provided