

## 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.**

I object to the Darlington Local Plan along with the proposed modifications on the grounds that the plans are unsound and therefore not legally compliant.

My grounds are:-

MM6, MM8, MM25, MM30, MM37: Housing figures given in the Plan have been amended for consistency. However it fails to clearly explain the housing figures for the five designated neighbourhood areas in H2 Table 6.1.

MM9 & MM14, MM61 & MM62 The predicted increased traffic burden along with the destruction of native woodland habitat does not support the national commitment for net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through the continued move towards a low net zero carbon community by encouraging efficient use of resources, good design and well-located development, whilst increasing resilience to impacts from climate change.

The proposed local distributor road between the A167 and A1150 fails to address the projected increase in traffic load resulting from housing in the Skerningham Village and the the growth of traffic from the A1 motorway to Amazon on the A66, Teesside Freeport and South Durham International airport

MM81, MM82 The proposed "Landscaping" and creation of habitat corridors does not mitigate for the destruction of existing historic natural amenity, flora and fauna that will never be replaced.

## 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.**

For the local plan to be considered sound and legally compliant I consider that the Skerningham development should be removed from the plan altogether.