

## Comment

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### Question 1

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

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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 Skerningham Garden Village development, because of its remoteness to the town centre will inevitably be a car dependent development. This does therefore not contribute towards achieving the national commitment of net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It is also destructive and damaging to an already environmentally important locality. I object to this strongly.

#### Question 5

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- . Improved detail regarding the mitigation works for Barmpton Lane/Whinbush Way and the A1150 to provide consistency with the NPPF that impacts are shown to be addressed.
- . A review of the plan to ensure that should the golf club not be relocated then the development will still meet the needs of the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to the impact on the environment from a fragmented development which is car based and the sustainability of the development with a neighbourhood centre not really centre to the development. NO NEED TO CHANGE WHAT WE HAVE, use old already used sites and enhance them rather than taking existing ones away.

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- . It is clear from the Council's own transport studies that the impact on the local transport network, in particular Barmpton Lane, Whinbush Way and Whinfield Road may result in up to 5,437 extra vehicles a day using the transport network. It can be busy enough as it is already.
- . The plan looks to mitigate the impact of the development on these roads but provides no detail on how this will be done, instead it will form part of a masterplan which again nobody has any details of.
- . How can we comment upon soundness and sustainability when no details on how the impact will be mitigated are available?
- . Para 104 NPPF July 2021 – transport issues should be considered at the earliest stages of the plan making process so that they can be addressed.
- . This plan does not go far enough in addressing these issues.
- . The Northern Link Road was promoted as necessary to alleviate the existing pressures on the already close to capacity A1150. That is now not necessary for the Plan, but the Skertingham development will place additional pressures on the A1150 – a road which the Council, in its bid to obtain funding for the Darlington Northern Link road has said is nearly full to capacity. How then is the additional traffic from the development sustainable? It will also cause many other issues around road safety, health issues, environmental impact and death to wildlife.

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- . Publicly accessible community woodland, wildlife friendly spaces, sport and recreational facilities already exist in Whinfield and Skerningham. Why can these not be incorporated into the development rather than being destroyed to make way for it? If this is going to happen then it is absolutely critical that what we have is already included. We have beautiful rich woodland and community space that is used by lots of people and nature. You do not change what does not need to be changed. As David Attenborough has made clear we need to aid nature and our planet not cause any further more destruction.

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- . Should the Golf Club remain in situ then it is obvious that Skerningham will not be cohesive and instead will become pockets of development either side of the Golf Club. Many locals use this, it looks pleasant and it is an important existing green space that should not change.
- . How then can a neighbourhood centre be firmly established as neighbourhoods would be split?
- . With the lack of a clear neighbourhood centre or infrastructure plan, pockets of development are then likely to be car dependent, which quite clearly does nothing to meet the NPPF's requirements of sustainable development and improving the environment. Too many cars are damaging and impact upon our health, well being, air pollution, kill nature, cause frustration to other road users, cause delays.

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