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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

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.

We strongly object to the Darlington Local Plan incorporating the proposed modifications. They are poorly thought through, ill conceived, and most definitely not legally compliant. The Skerningham Garden Village Development proposal completely undermines UK government thinking and is counter to the international objectives of the Paris agreement, and more recently of COP26, and should it have slipped your minds, which is to drive down greenhouse gas emissions. The proposal, which could add an extra 5000+ vehicles per day using the local transport network in the Whinfield area, is a car dependent

development, and counter to the Paris and COP26 agreements, including UK government objectives. As a responsible council, you should be looking at the big picture, not a short term quick fix, look good scenario. You should be promoting the planting of more trees and conserving green spaces that future generations can enjoy; not cutting them down and desecrating green spaces with a complete disregard for the environment and the negative impact on wildlife and nature, unmindful and oblivious to the wishes and wellbeing of people living in the area that will be negatively affected. How much clear and objective thinking has been given to the pressure on the infrastructure that will be impacted such as schools, clinics, hospitals, shops, parks, road congestion? We strongly recommend that the Skerningham Development Proposal be removed from the Local Plan.

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.

We strongly recommend that the Skerningham Development Proposal be removed from the Local Plan.