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Question 4

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The impact of climate change would not be minimised by the Skertingham Garden Village development - a car dependant development (which this will certainly be) does not contribute towards net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions. The development would compromise the increasing resilience to the effects of climate change by removing open green space and destroying woodland and mature trees and replacing with houses and roads on flattened, less absorbent ground. I therefore believe this modification does not make the plan sound as the Skertingham Garden Village development would not contribute towards the national commitment of net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Question 5

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Studies by the council indicate there could be 5437 extra vehicles per day using the roads in Whinfield. Whilst the plan mentions mitigations regarding Barmpton Lane, Whinbush Way and Whinfield Road, there are no specific details as to what these are and I'm particularly concerned about the reference to 'phased implementations' and 'any future planning applications for the site' due to the fact there has been a proposal to use open space on Whitebridge Drive to create an access road for the Skerningham Garden Village development. If the development were to go ahead, this is more likely to become a reality and living next to the open space, I have significant concerns about the safety, environmental and personal mental health implications of this. It does not seem that the traffic and transport impacts

and requirements were considered in the early stages of the plan process and the modifications and mitigations do not go far enough to address the impacts that will be created and/or worsened by the Skerningham Garden Village development, e.g. Barmpton Lane is unsuitable as a main access route and the Darlington Northern Link Road will not alleviate traffic pressures. I therefore believe these modifications do not make the plan sound.

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I'm unable to understand how a 'net gain' (assuming 'gain' would relate to not just quantity but also quality) in publicly accessible community woodland is delivered as the existing highly appreciated and valued publicly accessible community woodland and natural open spaces for recreation would be significantly reduced if not removed altogether for the Skerningham Garden Village. Backing onto Green Lane and the edge of the proposed Skerningham Garden Village, I can attest to the rich and varied wildlife that resides in this area and beyond which will be lost if this land is developed and that is simply a tragedy and an avoidable one at that. Even with the provision of alternative green infrastructure, it will take a long time (if ever) for wildlife to relocate naturally and regenerate. I therefore

believe these modifications do not make the plan sound as they are not consistent with either the Healthy New Towns or the Garden Communities principles or objectives.

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Consultations with the community to date have been poor (the Council have not taken adequate steps to make local residents aware of what is planned in their area/on their doorstep) therefore defined actions regarding the engagement and consultation of the community should be stated so that they can be considered achieved. I therefore believe this modification does not make the plan sound as there is no accountability for consulting with the community and if not aware or consulted, the community is not represented and therefore may be disadvantaged.

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