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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

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.

- . DBC's own transport studies show that there will be a huge impact on the local transport network, in particular Barmpton Lane, Whinbush Way and Whinfield Road and will result in over 5000 extra vehicles a day using these local roads.
- . Transport issues are not being considered and addressed at the earliest stages of the plan-making process, in line with Para 104 NPPF July 2021.
- . Additional traffic from the development is unsustainable now that the Northern Link Road is not considered part of the 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.

The Skerningham Allocation (Policy H10 and associated paragraphs) should be removed in its entirety from the Local Plan and no development should be permitted in this area.

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Question 1

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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

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The Plan seeks to destroy Skertingham Woods, the only publicly accessible community woodland in the area, and disrupt wildlife to make way for the development, rather than making it a significant recreational feature of it. Existing sport and recreational facilities in Whinfield do not seem to be being incorporated into the development as an integral part of it.

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Even if some development were to be approved for Skertingham, but in all circumstances, the possible relocation of Darlington Golf Course into the Skertingham woodland should be removed completely from the Plan.

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Question 1

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Question 2

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Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound

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Question 4

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- . The use of the word “potential” in relation to the relocation of Darlington Golf Club introduces into the Plan an element of doubt and uncertainty as to whether this might happen.
- . The use of such imprecise language should have no place in a Local Plan, which should set out exactly what is going to happen without “ifs and buts” and ambiguity of any kind.
- . The residents of Whinfield and north Darlington, and even further afield, are extremely concerned and worried about the possible loss of their only community woodland located at Skerningham, and leaving the issue open ended like this does nothing to alleviate people’s fears going forward into the future.
- . People do not want substitute woodland in its place, which will take decades to establish and be much inferior to what is in situ now.

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In all circumstances, Skerningham Countryside Park should be afforded protection by including it in policy ENV6 of the Plan as a Local Green Space.