

## 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

**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.**

The Skerningham Garden Village development will be a car dependent development community and therefore cannot contribute to the national commitment of net zero in respect to carbon emissions and greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The destruction of woodland and building on green open spaces to create a car dependent community cannot contribute to net zero but detract from it.

#### **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.**

N/a

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### Question 1

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

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### Question 2

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Darlington Council studies indicate that there could be in the order of an extra 5,437 vehicles per day using the road network in the Whinfield area alone as a result of the Skertingham Garden Village. Such a volume of traffic would require a substantial road network as currently the A1150 is already gridlocked at peak times on every weekday.

The plan indicates there would be mitigation for the above traffic pressure but makes no indication of how this would be achieved.

Barmpton Lane is proposed as the main vehicular access to the new development, however parts of this are unsuitable and no amount of mitigation will safely provide improvement of the road layout.

In simple terms the modified plan does not go far enough to address the transport issues that the new development will create which is surprising considering that the plan has had in excess of an additional 5 years to be developed (it is after all the 2016 Local Plan) and there has always been opposition to the plan.

The initial method of alleviating the traffic pressure was via the Darlington Northern Link Road but this is now not happening. The existing pressures still exist and the proposed Skertingham Garden Village will add to this pressure but a workable alternative has not been proposed. The consequence is that this is not a suitable development and the plans have not been thought through in a way that can meet the needs of the town and its environment.

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### Question 1

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Whinfield and Skerningham currently provide the local community with a community woodland, wildlife friendly countryside, sport and recreation facilities and allotments. Many of these attributes will be destroyed by this new development and will not be replaced by building a "Garden Village". 4500 houses with attendant tarmac, concrete and lawns do not replace what currently exists even if there are a few trees and open areas for recreation. I know of otters, kingfishers and many lesser well-known species that just will not tolerate this kind of development but are currently seen on a regular basis along the River Skerne within the planned development area. The proposed development under this Local Plan is not consistent with Healthy New Towns or Garden Communities principles or objectives. It is also a wasted opportunity to develop the rapidly declining urban area within Darlington.

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