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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?	Support
Question 3 Legally Compliant and Sound	
Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Legally Compliant?	Yes
Do you consider the Plan, incorporating the proposed Modification is Sound?	Yes
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.

To Mr D Hand ,Head of Planning Policy

I would like to thank you, and all those involved in drawing up this Local Plan, for your hard work and diligence in bringing it to fruition. It is noticeable that you have taken on board comments, advice and suggestions from a variety of Bodies, Organisations and Authorities, digested them, and produced a worthy plan that has much to commend it.

YES, there is soundness in the proposals put forward. They offer an all round vision for the future of this borough in terms of housing, employment, health, education and infrastructure. The needs of people and of businesses have been considered and land earmarked for the expansion of both of these areas. The transport system favours sustainability promoting cycling and walking and in so doing making provision for suitably attractive byways. The Plan establishes targets to be met for housing need but allows for some fluidity so that growth can be organic. The Plan also recognises the need for culture and recreation and the protection of our own unique heritage and environment.

YES, the Plan has acknowledged legal requirements: European legislation in terms of conservation and preservation of species and habitats, including rivers and sewerage disposal; and in the legal requirement to reduction carbon emissions and improvement air quality. Also, there is the legal requirement to build a set quota of houses per year by the British government and this has been planned for. The house building is to be environmentally sound with provision being made for the differing needs of the population.

YES, the modifications to the Local Plan in terms of sustainability, provision for, and care of habitats and wild life, and the modifications by the Council to protect our own natural heritage, buildings and parks and rights of way, have my support, for they clarify and enhance the existing 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.

N/A