

Summary of Representations Received to the Darlington Local Plan (2016-2036) Main Modifications Consultation – Habitats Reg Screening Assessment Report Addendum Table

Mod Ref	Consultee ID	Consultee Name	Support/ Object	Main Issues Raised Summary	Councils Response
	DBLPMod4	Ms Margaret Simpson	Object	Cannot accept that the Habitats Regulations Screening can possibly allow this development to proceed, as the habitat within the Skerningham area will be decimated by the planned development of 4500 homes.	The Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment screened the modifications for any likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites in accordance with the regulations. As the Skerningham site is not a Natura 2000 designated site no significant effects were identified. A number of policies within the plan will ensure impact on biodiversity is mitigated.
	DBLPMod456	Mr Bruce McKnight	Object	It appears that the absence of protection for Skerningham Woods because they are not listed under the European Natura scheme is being exploited for planning purposes. Darlington is not richly endowed with areas for wildlife and to open the site for development just because it has not be captured under a European scheme is extremely short sighted and could deprive future generations of access to green areas for their physical and mental health.	The Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment screened the modifications for any likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites in accordance with the regulations. As the Skerningham site is not a Natura 2000 designated site no significant effects were identified. A number of policies within the plan will ensure impact on biodiversity is mitigated.
	DBLPMod19	Nick Lightfoot (Natural England)	Support	Natural England recommends that the assessment is updated to reflect that England is no longer part of the Natura 2000 network and that these sites are now referred to as 'habitats sites' in the NPPF.	The reference to Natura 2000 sites could be replaced with habitats sites but the Council consider this to be a minor factual change that would not alter the outcomes of the assessment.