

## Comment Receipt

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### Q1

#### Do you consider that this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan to be Legally & Procedurally Compliant and Sound?

(Please note the considerations in relation to the Local Plan being 'Legally and Procedurally Compliant' (Please see guidance notes).

(Please select one answer for each question)

Legally and Procedurally Compliant No (Go to Q3)

Sound No (Go to Q3)

### Q3

#### Why do you consider that this Policy/Proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is not Legally & Procedurally Compliant or sound? (Please select all that apply)

- . Positively Prepared
- . Justified
- . Consistent with national policy

### Q4

**If you do not consider this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan to be Legally & Procedurally Compliant or Sound please use this box to explain why.** Please note your representation should cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation as there is no opportunity to submit further representations unless requested to do so by the Inspector, based on the matters he/she identifies for examination.

Paragraph 3.2 states that "The strategic objectives are derived from the Vision..." however, as we concluded in our representation on paragraph 3.1, the Spatial Vision for County Durham has not been positively prepared. The objectives seem plausible but unfortunately they have no firm basis so they too have **not been positively prepared**. They **lack the necessary justification** and do not follow the NPPF requirements for plan-making and so are **not legally and procedurally compliant**.

**Q5**

**What change(s) do you consider necessary to make this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Plan Legally & Procedurally Compliant and Sound?**

Rectifying the problems with paragraph 3.1 will lead to a Spatial Vision that will form a sound basis for these objectives. They will need to be reassessed in the light of that Spatial Vision.

**Q6**

**Do you wish to participate in the Examination in Public? (Please note that the Planning Inspector will make the final decision on who will be invited to attend individual sessions at the Examination).** Yes

**Q7**

**Do you want to be informed of the following:**

**The submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State?** Yes

**The publication the Inspector report?** Yes

**Consultation on any Main Modifications?** Yes

**The adoption of the County Durham Plan?** Yes