

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 Yes (Go to Q2)

Sound Yes (Go to Q2)

Q2

If consider that this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is Legally & Procedurally Compliant and 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 and the suggested change, 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.

(Go to Q6)

The Trust welcomes this Policy because the tree groups within and around Durham City are absolutely crucial components of its exceptional qualities and must be managed and maintained; too many have been lost as collateral damage on development sites such as Student Castle (Claypath) and the former Milburngate House.

We regret that it appears to be beyond the scope of a development control policy to protect trees and hedgerows when no planning application has been lodged. We have seen examples where these are damaged in obvious anticipation of a planning application, but before it is lodged.

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)

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