Richmondshire District Council
Local Plan Core Strategy
Proposed Submission
August 2012
Representations Form

Please read the guidance notes before completing this form

This form comprises two parts:
Part A: Personal details
Part B: Your representation(s)

Both Part A and Part B of this form need to be completed in order for your representation(s) to be valid. Please complete a separate sheet (Part B) for each representation you wish to make. Further copies of this form can be downloaded from www.richmondshire.gov.uk/localplan.aspx . You do not need to fill out Part A for each representation, provided that all representations made are securely attached.

Your completed form must be returned to the following address to reach us no later than **4pm on Friday 14 September 2012:**

Planning Policy, Richmondshire District Council, Swale House, Frenchgate, Richmond, DL10 4JE

Alternatively, you can email: localplan@richmondshire.gov.uk and submit this form as an attachment.

Please note, all representations will be made available for public inspection on our website www.richmondshire.gov.uk/localplan.aspx with personal details (i.e. email address, telephone number and signature) removed.

Part A – Personal details

	Your Details	Agent's Details
Title		
First name	Valerie	
Last name	Adams	
Job title (if applicable)	Principal Planning Officer	
Work/organisation (if applicable)	Darlington Borough Council	
Address	Planning Policy Town Hall Feethams Darlington County Durham	
Postcode	DL1 5QT	
Telephone No.	01325 388477	
Email address	Valerie.adams@darlington.gov.uk	

Part B - Your representation

Please use a separate sheet for each representation.

Name/Organisation	Darlington Borough Council

Q1.To which part of the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document does this representation relate? (Spatial Principle, Sub Area Strategy or Core Policy)	
Policy number (e.g. SP2, CRSS or CP8)	*Spatial Principle SP1* *Spatial Principle SP4* *Core Policy CP5* *Spatial Principle SP5* *Core Policy CP4* *Core Policy CP7*
Page/paragraph number(s)	*para 2.2, page 5* *para 3.4.9, page 50* *para 3.1.31, page 24*

Please note: Your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to fully support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

Q2. Do you consider the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document is…?						
(a) Legally compliant	Yes	Yes	No		Don't Know	
(b) Sound	Yes	Yes	No		Don't Know	
If you answered 'No' to (a) or (b) above, please continue to Q3, otherwise continue to Q5.						

Q3. Do you consider the Core Strategy is unsound because it is not: (please refer to the guidance notes)	
(a) Justified	
(b) Effective	
(c) Consistent with national policy	
(d) Positively prepared	

Please give details of why you consider the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible:

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Q4. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at Q3 where this relates to soundness. You need to say why this change will make the Core Strategy legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible:

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Q5. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document, please use the space below to set out your comments:

Darlington Borough Council supports the overall strategic approach set out in the Core Strategy.

Darlington Council agrees that the local boundary issues and relationships with Darlington Borough, for example in terms of housing market and travel to work areas are correctly set out. References to Darlington, for example para 2.2, page 5 as a sub-regional centre in terms of retail and other services and employment properly reflects the connections between Richmondshire and Darlington.

The Council supports the Spatial Strategy set out for North Richmondshire, for example under Spatial Principle SP1, as these elements will be complementary to the achievement of the policies and objectives of the adopted Darlington Core Strategy. Darlington Council welcomes the proposal, as per para 3.4.9, page 50 to support regeneration in Darlington by constraining development in the sub area, particularly near the boundary with Darlington and agrees with the need to resist development pressures from neighbouring Tees Valley settlements such as Darlington.

The Council also supports the overall approach in terms of planned scale and distribution of future housing. Under Spatial Principle SP4. The Council also supports the strategic approach to the planned scale and distribution of Economic Development, for example Spatial Principle SP5; Core Policy 4: Supporting Sites for Development and CP7: Promoting a Sustainable Economy. The Council's view is that these Core Policies do not undermine the strategic policies of the Darlington Core Strategy. Darlington Council is keen that the Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Show people accommodation needs of neighbouring authorities are met by each of them in full and is pleased to see that there is now reference to Gypsies and Travellers within the Proposed Submission Core Strategy document. The Council would also like to highlight that there is opportunity for engagement between the two Councils in terms of Green Infrastructure planning and provision along the River Tees Valley area which is a significant sub-regional wildlife corridor. Darlington Council is currently consulting on the Green Infrastructure Strategy for the borough and would welcome opportunities to discuss complementary policies/proposals for this area. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

If your representation is seeking a change to the Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?	
No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination	No
Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination	

If you have selected 'No', your representation(s) will still be considered by the independent Planning Inspector by way of written representations.

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

If you wish to be notified of future stages of plan preparation, please tick the appropriate box(es) below.			
Submission for Examination	**Yes**	**Notify me by:** (please tick)	
Inspector's Report Publication	**Yes**	Post	
Adoption	**Yes**	Email	**Yes**

Please Note: The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:	
Date:	10.09.12