

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Response to the County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft

## COUNTY DURHAM PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT - Consultation October 2013

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To which part of the County Durham Plan does your representation relate?

**POLICY 49 Provision of Transport Infrastructure**

### Q1

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

Legally and Procedurally Compliant No (Go to Q3)

Sound No (Go to Q3)

Q2 – not relevant.

### Q3

**Why do you consider that this Policy/Proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is not Legally & Procedurally Compliant or sound? Is it:**

Positively Prepared?      No

Justified?      No

Effective?      No

Consistent?      No

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### 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.**

The inclusion of Policy 49 in the Plan seems odd, for it effectively proposes to displace national guidance on transport infrastructure (the NPPF, the Department of Transport's WebTag) with its own more limited rules of thumb. It is unclear what status these guidelines will have once transport becomes the concern of the new combined authority in April 2014.

### Q5

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

It should be dropped in favour of the guidelines that should emerge in the new transport body under the Combined Authority, with full respect to the NPPF and Department of Transport guidance.

### 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**

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