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1.

To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Please provide the reference of the policy, paragraph, policies map, evidence etc that your comment relates to. Please fill out a separate questionnaire form for each element of the plan (i.e. policy, paragraph, site, document) that you wish to comment on.

If comments do not provide a reference, or are submitted on a single form and relate to multiple elements of the Plan, then the Council will assign and/or separate these points out as it considers most appropriate for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

You must provide an answer to this question.

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If 'other' please explain

Introduction of new link road A516 and A38

2.

Do you consider the Local Plan is:

Please check one.

Select the most applicable option in each row.

	Yes	No
Legally Compliant	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Sound	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

3.

If you checked 'No' to Sound at question 2 above, please confirm below which of the 'tests' the Local Plan fails to meet.

Please check the relevant box.

- Positively Prepared
- Justified
- Effective
- Consistent with National Policy

4.

Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate.

Please be as precise as possible (e.g., if objecting on the basis of legal compliance, please quote the specific law that the Local Plan does not comply with). If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I consider the proposed modification relating to the South Derby Integrated Transport Link and link road south of Mickleover to be unsound because it fails the NPPF tests of being justified, effective and consistent with national policy. Local Plans must be based on proportionate evidence and sustainable development.

Insufficient evidence has been provided to show that a major new road through greenfield land is the most appropriate solution compared with sustainable transport alternatives. The proposal would harm green spaces, biodiversity, countryside character and recreational areas used by residents, while increasing urbanisation and likely encouraging additional traffic and car dependency.

The proposal is also ineffective because key details regarding route alignment, environmental mitigation, biodiversity impact, noise, air quality and long-term traffic effects remain unclear. Without this information, the full impacts of the proposal cannot be properly assessed.

5.

Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above.

(Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan 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.

Deletion of the Link Road: Remove the South Derby Integrated Transport Link and associated link road from Policy and the Policies Map. This is the only way to satisfy the NPPF regarding greenfield protection.

Evidence Base: If not deleted, the Plan must include a "Holding Policy" pending a 2026-compliant traffic model and a full Multi-Modal Study to prove that active travel alternatives are unfeasible.

Sustainability Appraisal: A legal addendum is required to transparently assess "reasonable alternatives" to the road.

Green Gap Status: Re-designate the Mickleover buffer as a Strategic Green Gap to prevent fragmentation.

6.

If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

Please check the relevant box

- No, I do not wish to participate in hearing sessions.
- Yes, I wish to participate in hearing sessions.

7.

If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

Please write your answer in the box below.

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