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Dear Spatial Planning Team,

Please find attached East Boldon Neighbourhood Forum's (EBNF) response to the draft Local Plan. This response comprises a number of papers, many of which form part of the Forum's emerging Neighbourhood Plan:

- Response to **Draft Local Plan policies**
- Response to the Council's **Stage One Green Belt Review: Exceptional Circumstances** document
- Summary results of our community consultations held in March and June 2019 (2 documents)
- **EBNF Draft Community Character Statement** (view via this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tYtyHC7_9xPTf_UEEt42kK8H-7h_8r4i/view?usp=sharing)
- **Supporting architectural surveys** for the East Boldon Neighbourhood Forum area (view via these links: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wJ_HyPiq3hDjAqCQHsywPUFr3H-b5WC4/view?usp=sharing https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nihefTvipcAmKJYDKcQsdJvwV_keax0/view?usp=sharing)

We have consulted our Forum members on this response, and it is the result of a lot of hard work. As a constituted body we hope that this is taken seriously, and our concerns and questions responded to appropriately.

While we agree with many of the aspirations of the Plan, we find many inconsistencies in the application of them within the policies.

We are all the more determined to develop our Neighbourhood Plan and are pleased that it is given credence within the Local Plan; we can only trust that the final Local Plan and its implementation remains true to this commitment.

With much respect and kind regards

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Kirstin Richardson and all the EBNF executive committee