DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL DARLINGTON LDF CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION Proposed Minor Amendment: Policy CS11 (Meeting Housing Needs) and paragraph 6.25 3rd February 2011

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This note is to set out further proposed minor amendments to Policy CS13 and its reasoned justification, to clarify the operation of the policy. Preparation of this note was an action for the Council arising out of discussions between the Council, Barton Willmore (for St. Modwen) and the Inspector at Day 3 of the Public Hearings of the Examination.
- 1.2 The purpose of the proposed changes is to further clarify in Policy CS11 that the amount of affordable housing will be negotiated on a site-by-site basis, up to 30% of the total number of dwellings proposed. The proposed change to paragraph 6.2.5 supports this and has also been amended to remove unnecessary detail.

2. Proposed Minor Amendments

- 2.1 The following minor amendments are proposed:
 - (a) Policy CS11: amend the 4th paragraph of the policy to read as follows:

'The *amount and* exact mix of provision will be negotiated with developers on the basis of'

(b) Replace the first two sentences of paragraph 6.2.5 with the following:

'A study into the economic viability of housing land ²³ found that a target of 30% affordable housing could be achieved across at least half of the Borough under a range of general housing market scenarios. Wide variations in economic viability within the Borough and throughout the plan period require the flexible application of the target in considering individual planning applications, to include taking account of circumstances where it may not be viable to provide any affordable housing. The target is also flexible enough to ensure that......'

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