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Dear LP Examination Planning Inspectors

I confirm for each response below that

- I have read and agree to the Consultation Data Protection Notice
 - I support the Wirral LP and it's early adoption.
 - That the Wirral Green Space Alliance speaks for me in their responses but I also wish my personal comments below to be considered in their own right.
1. **MM1** : I strongly support the confirmation that 'exceptional circumstances to justify alterations to the Green Belt boundaries set out in national planning policy DO NOT exist in Wirral'.
 2. **MM3** (Housing Need) ; **MM5** new para D; **MM6**; **MM65** in relation to App. 4. I support the LP Total Supply Figure of 11,814 (minimum) net additional dwellings over the plan period since it significantly exceeds *real* Wirral housing need confirmed by considering accurate Wirral population and HH Nos. census data for 2021 and 2011 in the Standard Method. I support the view that that this supply is deliverable and developable and that further supply will become available as regeneration proceeds.
 3. **AM32** (Housing Need) : I support the Plan as sound overall, notwithstanding that by following the current Standard Method using *grossly out of date* ONS Population / HH No. projections has led to gross exaggeration of housing need: 14,400 d over the 18 year Plan period. Ideally, an early Plan Review would be scheduled using 2021 census and more up to date ONS projections as available, which will demonstrate a much lower 'objectively assessed housing need'. (The possible adoption of the proposed NPPF with it's *arbitrary, incoherent and subjective*, Standard Method, now not using *any* demographic projections at all, also emphasises the importance of an early evidence based Plan review.)

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