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To the Wirral Local Plan Examination Planning Inspectors:

Dear Sirs,

Please find appended the response to the consultation on the Main Modifications on behalf of the Heswall Society.

The Society is an amenity society whose aim is to conserve the heritage of the Heswall Ward.

Currently the Society has a membership of just under five hundred households.

The following Statements apply to each 'Modification' to which the Society has responded on the appended Response Form:

- The Society has read and agrees to the 'Consultation Data Protection Notice'.
- The Society followed the stages of development and support the Wirral Local Plan and wish it to be adopted asap (as it is long-overdue and vital for the future of Wirral) and is 'Sound'.

Please also note that the Society continues to support the approach and work of the Wirral Green Space Alliance (WGSA) [which we are members] and confirms that the WGSA additionally speaks for us in their responses.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



Chair
The Heswall Society

Wirral Local Plan – Main Modifications Response Form

Part A

1. Personal details

(if an agent is appointed, please complete only the title, name and organisation in the boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in section 2 below)

Title	█
First name	█████
Last name	████████
Organisation (where relevant)	The Heswall Society
Address	████████████████████ ██████
Postcode	████████
Telephone number	██████████
Email address	██
Objective ID number (if known)	

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Job title (where relevant)	
Organisation (where relevant)	
Who are you representing?	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Objective ID number (if known)	

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3. Data Protection Notice

√	Please tick this box to confirm that you understand that your name and your response will be published, that your full name and details will be passed to the Planning Inspectors, and that you have read and understood the Council's privacy notice.
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Please note that all comments will be held by Wirral Council and made available in accordance with our privacy notice, which can be viewed at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plans-and-planning-policy/forward-planning-privacy-notice> or obtained from one of the addresses below.

Please read all the information related to this consultation on the Council's webpage at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/new-local-plan> or which has been placed in public libraries, and the Wirral Local Plan Modifications Response Form Background Note before you make your representations.

4. Completed Responses

Please submit your completed Response Form/s **to arrive at one of the addresses below no later than 5pm on Friday 8 November 2024.**

- by email to: localplan@wirral.gov.uk, clearly marked as 'Wirral Local Plan – Consultation on Main Modifications'
or
- by post to: Wirral Local Plan - Main Modifications, Wirral Council, PO Box 290, Wallasey CH27 9FQ

Please note that comments received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Please use a separate Response Form for each modification that you wish comment on.

If you require any further information, please contact the Council's Forward Planning Team by e-mail at localplan@wirral.gov.uk or by telephone on 0151 691 8235.

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Part B

1. **To which Modification does your representation relate?** (please insert as appropriate)

Main Modification Reference number: MM [1]

Policies Map Reference number: PM []

Additional Modification Reference number: AM []

2. **If your comment is on a Main Modification, do you consider that the Main Modification is:**

Legally Compliant – Yes

Sound – Yes

3. **Please explain why you consider a Main Modification does not assist in achieving legal compliance or soundness or provide any other comments on it in the box below. Please be as precise as possible.**

The Society fully supports the regeneration led Local Plan and use of brownfield only land to cover Wirral's housing needs with no release of Green Belt.

The Society very much supports the confirmation that "exceptional circumstances to justify alterations to the Green Belt boundaries set out in national planning policy do not exist in Wirral".

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Part B

1. **To which Modification does your representation relate?** (please insert as appropriate)

Main Modification Reference number: MM [3]

Policies Map Reference number: PM []

Additional Modification Reference number: AM []

2. **If your comment is on a Main Modification, do you consider that the Main Modification is:**

Legally Compliant – Yes

Sound – Yes

3. **Please explain why you consider a Main Modification does not assist in achieving legal compliance or soundness or provide any other comments on it in the box below. Please be as precise as possible.**

The Society supports the Local Plan with the Total Supply figure of 11,814 net additional dwellings over the Plan Period (up to 2040) as it more than adequately caters for Wirral's real 'Housing Need'.

The Society also supports the recognition that the figure is "a reflection of levels that are currently demonstrably deliverable or developable" with the expectation that further sources of supply will become available over time and as 'Regeneration' improves Market Confidence.

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1. **To which Modification does your representation relate?** (please insert as appropriate)

Main Modification Reference number: MM [5 new para D]

Policies Map Reference number: PM []

Additional Modification Reference number: AM []

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1. **To which Modification does your representation relate?** (please insert as appropriate)

Main Modification Reference number: MM [6]

Policies Map Reference number: PM []

Additional Modification Reference number: AM []

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Sound – Yes

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1. **To which Modification does your representation relate?** (please insert as appropriate)

Main Modification Reference number: MM [65 re Appendix 4]

Policies Map Reference number: PM []

Additional Modification Reference number: AM []

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Part B

1. **To which Modification does your representation relate?** (please insert as appropriate)

Main Modification Reference number: MM [40] *Policy WP8 Policy for the Rural Area – Agricultural Land*

Policies Map Reference number: PM []

Additional Modification Reference number: AM []

2. **If your comment is on a Main Modification, do you consider that the Main Modification is:**

Legally Compliant – Yes

Sound – Yes

3. **Please explain why you consider a Main Modification does not assist in achieving legal compliance or soundness or provide any other comments on it in the box below. Please be as precise as possible.**

The Society, however, considers that modification of the text has gone too far, resulting in the watering down of prescriptive protection of 'Best & Most Versatile' (B&MV) Green Belt Agricultural Land and also there is no mention of the Council Policy (unanimously voted through) NOT to release ANY 'productive agricultural land' for development, thereby maintaining or enhancing the Rural Economy and 'food security' which is increasingly vital in an uncertain world of conflict, international competition, depleted Nature, and Climate Change.

To better protect MBV land, the Society suggests a new Para A: the sentence, "areas of poorer quality land should be preferred" would be better to read, "areas of poorer quality land must be prioritised and instances of non-use justified."

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4. Please set out in the box below the changes you consider necessary to make the Main Modification legally compliant and sound.

Please say why each change you consider necessary 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.

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5. Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal or to the Habitats Regulations Assessment in respect of this particular Main Modification? Please provide them in the box below.

Please state the document to which you refer, with the relevant paragraph, page and table number. Please be as concise as possible.

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6. Do you have any comments on a Proposed Change to the Policies Map? Please provide them in the box below.

Please state the proposed change to which you refer (in the format 'PMxx'). Please state as concisely as possible how you think the Policies Map should be changed. Please include or attach a map showing your proposed change, if you are able to do so.

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Part C

Do you have any comments on one of the Councils Additional Modifications? Please provide them in the box below.

Please state the additional modification to which you refer (in the format 'AMxx') and provide your comments as concisely as possible

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