

# 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)

<b>Title</b>	█
<b>First name</b>	████
<b>Last name</b>	█
<b>Organisation (where relevant)</b>	Wirral Wildlife, the Wirral Group of Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and Cheshire Wildlife Trust's ██████████
<b>Address</b>	██
<b>Postcode</b>	██████
<b>Telephone number</b>	██████████
<b>Email address</b>	████████████████████
<b>Objective ID number (if known)</b>	

### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

<b>Title</b>	
<b>First name</b>	
<b>Last name</b>	
<b>Job title (where relevant)</b>	
<b>Organisation (where relevant)</b>	
<b>Who are you representing?</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	
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## 3. Data Protection Notice

x	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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [13 ]

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 / (please delete as appropriate)

Sound – Yes / (please delete as appropriate)

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.

### MM13

Policy WS5, new wording to 1. We accept ecological assets form part of GBI, as the Ecological Networks policy covers them. For soundness and clarity we think the wording should be retained that 'loss of green and blue infrastructure will normally be unacceptable.' GBI provides many ecosystem services and contributes to improving people's health and wellbeing.

We support change in B to financial contributions being 'required' (not 'sought') as it is vital that the nature crisis is addressed and that people's access to nature is retained and improved.

(old WS5.4) We support 3.142, which brings the Local Plan into line with the Environment Act 2021 and is therefore required for legal compliance.

However, regarding the section on habitat degradation before planning application: Schedule 14 gives LPA the powers to take this into account. As we have had, and continue to have, a number of cases of this in Wirral, we propose for soundness the wording should make it absolutely clear that (last paragraph of 3.142, second sentence) 'Wirral BC will use its powers under Schedule 14 so that an earlier base line habitat will be taken.....'

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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.

WS5,1: Retain wording that 'loss of green and blue infrastructure will normally be unacceptable'

(last paragraph of 3,142, second sentence) 'Wirral BC will use its powers under Schedule 14 so that an earlier base line habitat will be taken.....'

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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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