

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)	Wirral Wildlife, the Wirral Group of Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and Cheshire Wildlife Trust's ██████.
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

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, 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 [16]

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 – /No (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.

Construction and use – low carbon. WS 8.4 changes and loss of WS 8.5, WS8.8 weaken these provisions, which is not sound in a worsening climate emergency. For example, 3.192 Energy Hierarchy and On-Site Renewables: ‘major schemes are encouraged to include an explanation of how they have addressed the energy hierarchy and provided for onsite renewable energy in the Planning Statement accompanying the application.’ Surely in a climate emergency applicants should be ‘required’ not ‘encouraged’ to show how they have addressed the energy hierarchy.

However WD 23 strongly supports building all new buildings so that they will not require retrofitting, retrofitting being inherently more expensive. Merseyside has too many buildings already which need serious upgrading to meet zero-carbon and reduce fuel poverty, including an estimated 100,000 homes in Merseyside.

For soundness these policies clearly need to agree.

On site Renewable and Low Carbon Energy B. Development proposals should ~~demonstrate~~ consider how residual carbon emissions can be addressed through the use of onsite renewable and low carbon energy supplies...

This is weak and may be ignored by developers. Replace ‘demonstrate’ or ‘consider’ by ‘assess’. Add ‘and make suitable proposals to achieve zero-carbon’

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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.

WS 8.4: All buildings should aim to meet zero-carbon targets (see WD23), to avoid retrofitting by 2050.

3.192 Energy Hierarchy and On-Site Renewables: ` major schemes are ~~encouraged~~ required to include an explanation of how they have addressed the energy hierarchy and provided for onsite renewable energy in the Planning Statement accompanying the application`

On site Renewable and Low Carbon Energy B. Where necessary, development proposals should ~~demonstrate consider~~ assess how residual carbon emissions can be addressed through the use of onsite renewable and low carbon energy supplies, and make suitable proposals to achieve zero-carbon`

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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.**

Note Sustainability Appraisal: Appraisal of Modifications, which says that 'making policies less prescriptive means they could lead to fewer benefits in relation to soils and land, energy/climate change mitigation, air quality and biodiversity'

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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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