

Wirral Local Plan – Main Modifications Response Form

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 [40]

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.

MM40

WP 8.2 Agricultural land.

We object because the new wording weakens the protection offered, which is not sound in a time of climate change and biodiversity loss, both of which are already impacting food security (<https://eciu.net/media/press-releases/2024/england-set-for-top-three-worst-harvest-as-impact-of-wet-winter-continues-to-linger>). Soils are a critical resource which are not replaceable in human time scales, and are destroyed by built development. Restore text to 'Proposals should safeguard BMV land' not 'seek to avoid the loss'.

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'

To make sure food security is adequately considered, add to 3. Assessing the harm involved will include the effects on food security with regard to the current climate and ecological emergency.

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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.

WP8.2. Restore former wording 'Proposals should safeguard BMV land' not '~~seek to avoid the loss~~'.

Add to 3. Assessing the harm involved will include the effects on food security with regard to the current climate and nature emergency.

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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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