From:Local PlanTo:Local Plan - Consultation on Main ModificationsSubject:Re: Wirral Local Plan - Consultation on Main ModificationsDate:31 October 2024 12:23:18

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to confirm that I am a supporter of the work undertaken by the Wirral Green Space Alliance and I wish to endorse the various responses that they have made. In addition I wish to make the following individual responses which I would ask you to consider.

MM 13 Policy WS5 Green and Blue Infrastructure Network.

Whilst it is clear that new developments within the Borough have and can make positive contributions they come with added costs for maintenance and management. This is clearly a problem for the Borough who currently do not appear to have the resources necessary to undertake additional work.

Simply stopping grass mowing from spring until the autumn in order to save money, renders new urban landscaping unsuitable for casual play, untidy and unattractive. In addition new plantings of trees, shrubs and hedgerows, require maintenance, particularly during the early years of establishment. Subsequent maintenance is critical in all areas, but particularly so in Town Centres, Garden Villages and adjacent to public buildings. The Borough is already reliant on Community Groups and Friends Organisations to undertake much of this work and this situation is fragile and unsustainable.

To emphasise the above, Policy WS 5.7 Maintenance etc, has been removed.

MM 57 Policy WD24

It is my experience that it is extremely difficult to cater for children's play within residential developments, as on site provision of play areas simply results in conflict between residents. Play areas are also expensive to manage and maintain and are best sited in neighbourhood parks or recreation grounds. The provision of green areas for casual play are of little value unless the grass is mown regularly.

Thank you,

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From: Local Plan Sent: Sep 25, 2024 at 10:42 AM To: Subject: Wirral Local Plan – Consultation on Main Modifications

This email is to inform you about the next stage in Wirral Council's Local Plan process.

Following examination hearings undertaken between April and November 2023, the Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State have identified the Main Modifications that are considered necessary to make the Wirral Local Plan sound and/or legally compliant. They are put forward without prejudice to the Inspectors final conclusions on the Local Plan, which will take account of all the representations submitted. The Council is now inviting comments on the Main Modifications.

Consultation will take place for a period of 6 weeks commencing at 10am on Wednesday 25 September 2024 and the deadline for comments to be submitted on the Main Modifications is 5pm on Friday 8 November 2024. Comments received after this deadline will not be accepted.

A notice setting out where the consultation documents can be inspected and how comments can be submitted is attached.

Further information, a copy of the consultation documents and a copy of the Response Form on which comments should be submitted can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's website at https://www.wirral.gov.uk/new-local-plan. Paper copies of the consultation documents can also be viewed in public libraries during their normal opening hours, where paper copies of the Response Form will also be available.

Please note that any comments you submit and your name will be made available for the public to view and cannot be treated as confidential.

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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