

## 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)	NATURAL WIRRAL
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?	N/A
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Objective ID number (if known)	

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## 3. Data Protection Notice

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	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
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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 [ ]

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 / ~~No~~ (please delete as appropriate)

Sound – Yes / ~~No~~ (please delete as appropriate)

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Although we DO support the local Plan and in general, the main modifications, we at NATURAL WIRRAL, have on many occasions voiced our concerns, that the regeneration of WIRRAL, MUST start at the water front on the eastern side. We should/must have a water front that equals that of Liverpool, if we are to attract big business and develop economic growth. History shows that, in the 1960s, our population was approx. 60,000 people more than it is now. We are building more and more houses. We are not attracting business. We MUST build up our waterfront

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NATURAL WIRRAL agrees completely with the Main Modification of MM1 Paragraph 1.3.

We believe that all of the boroughs housing need, can be met on the sufficient brownfield sites that the Council identify over the plan period. We also agree that there are no exceptional circumstances to justify any alterations to the Green Belt boundaries and that exceptional circumstances do not exist on Wirral.



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The spatial strategy that focusses on the regeneration of our borough is the right way forward. The sufficient brownfield land that exists and can be delivered, ensures that the objectively assessed housing needs can be met.

This will ensure that green belt boundaries do not have to be altered thus, protecting habitat regulations as described in the Vision of MM2.

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### **Part C**

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Although we agree at Natural  
Wheal, to Development Viability  
(MM9) (Policy WS 2), we note that  
there are NO council housing in the  
mix. We refer that, Social Housing  
is not the same as Council housing, it  
is therefore, further noted, that a  
vast number of residents on the West  
bank tell us that they urgently  
require council housing that is owned  
and administered by Wirral Borough  
Council. Communities have told us that  
this is an important issue.

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Nature Wirral agrees that the Local Plan modifications are sound as they are. However, we would like to have council housing brought into the plan. Wirral has one of the most deprived areas in the North West of England. We feel that communities such as Rock Ferry, New Ferry, Seacombe, Liscard and more should have a voice on the type of homes that they feel would benefit their areas. We at Nature Wirral agree. NMA Policy W5.2 should reflect those concerns.



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Northern Wirral feel that the plan in its presented form is sound, however we would like to see through Main Modifications MM1, MM2, MM3 and MM9. That some focus should be directed to some Sustainability Appraisal as to the type of housing that many people on the east side of the borough require. That is, in the main, council housing. The mix of affordable and first home requirement, is welcome. but a further mix of council homes would be welcomed by many residents.

I have not recognised any council development within the plan or its Main Modifications

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NATURE Wirral supports Main Modification 18. We would however, like to see more importance put on pressure to a developer to actually be fully responsible for the added infrastructure that must come with any development. Developers MUST NOT be allowed to walk away from their legal obligations on new development infrastructure. Soundness in infrastructure must be tested as to its use. The responsibilities must be forwarded legally to the developer.

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Infrastructure is often neglected by developers or is often not of a required standard. We at Mannix Wirral often hear cases of where, flooding has occurred when new homes have been built. We hear cases of drained systems not being able to cope with heavy rain fall. We welcome the modifications as set out in MM18 Policy NLS 10 paragraph 3.212, this is essential to all developments on Wirral. The capacity to cope with heavier traffic must be a priority and must be given great importance.



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We, at NATURAL Wirral agree that any land that is graded as B.M.V soil type must be added for development. Soil graded 2.3a. 3a must be protected in this plan. Although the modification seeks to avoid the loss of such BMV soil, it needs to go further and afford protection of our farms and fields. We note, that MM40, Policy 8. does not forward the full protection of our farms and fields. Main Modifications of SA8.1, SA8.2, SA8.3, SA8.4, SA8.5, SA8.6 are welcome, but much more is needed to protect other areas.

In October 2018, Wirral Borough Council voted on a motion to protect our agricultural land. This motion was passed unanimously by ALL councillors. NATURAL Wirral supporters and members feel that, in a very changing world we live in, this motion that was passed. Must be held accountable.



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NATURAL Wirral believes that, were there is a threat to habitats and the disturbance of any biodiversity, then the development, should not be considered. The idea that any developer can add a B.N.G (Biodiversity Net Gain) is quite frankly, Nonsense. There is no better biodiversity, than what is in its natural state.

We see far too often that by destroying habitats, then the habitat is not only destroyed and gone forever, the whole eco-system goes as well, or is vastly decreased, never to return to anything like it was.

Assessments, should, must, be carried out by, not only the experts, but community involvement should always be added.

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