

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)	Noctorum Ridge Residents' Association
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

Yes	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 [57]

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.**

Please provide all the information and evidence necessary to support or justify your comment. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of a Main Modification, please clearly state that you support it and set out your comments in this box.

Noctorum Ridge Residents' Association (NRRRA) has 147 members from the local community and this representation is submitted by its committee.

NRRRA requests that Noctorum Lane Sports Ground (also known as Noctorum Road Playing Field) should be listed in appendix 11 (Sport and Recreation) as a School Playing Field.

It is already listed in Appendix 13 (Local Green Space) SA3.3, which NRRRA supports.

MM57 states that protected sites (for sport, open space and local green space) are shown on the Policies Map and listed in Appendices 11,12 and 13 respectively. It states that facilities for outdoor sport have been separately assessed and references the Wirral Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Assessment and Wirral Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy KKP 2021.

In the latter Strategy, Noctorum Road Playing Fields / Noctorum Lane Sports Ground (Site ID 148, p91) is listed as a “disused site”, previously rugby and cricket pitches (and a pavilion), which was “subject to development proposals that could result in loss of provision.” A planning application for housing development has now been refused twice by Wirral Borough Council and dismissed on appeal twice by the Planning Inspectorate, most recently following a 5 day Inquiry in May 2024 at which representatives of Wirral Borough Council and of Sport England opposed the application and loss of the playing field. The Appeal Decision for this is dated 16 August 2024, Appeal Ref: APP/W4325/W/23/3329105.

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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.

Please say why each change you consider necessary will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

NRRA believes that, consistent with the expressed need for the protection of existing outdoor sports provision on Wirral, Noctorum Lane Sports Ground / Noctorum Road Playing Field, should now be included as a School Playing field in Suburban Birkenhead in Appendix 11 of the Local Plan, and it should now be afforded the same protection as sites within the Wirral PPOS Assessment and Strategy 2021.

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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

NRRA agrees with the noted shortfall of natural and semi-natural open space and playing pitches in suburban Birkenhead noted in AM 118.

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