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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the modifications to the Local Plan. I am commenting on these as Secretary of the Merseyside Branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC Branch 5). Our club rents a clubhouse and boathouse from Wirral Council at Riverview Road, Seacombe.

We are pleased to note the Additional Modification, shown below (PM 39):

“Add Guinea Gap Recreation Centre to Polices Map and designate for protection of urban sport and recreation subject to Policy WS10 and add notation SR-SA1.11A (Policy WS 10).” *

We further note that the revised Policies Map (attached) shows our premises as being part of the Guinea Gap Recreation Centre and coming within the area designated for protection. **

It is a very positive step for our premises to now have protection as part of an urban sport and recreation facility. The protection for Guinea Gap overall and our facilities in particular is important for local communities, as there are few other sport and recreational sites in Seacombe. For scuba diving in particular, there are no facilities in Merseyside or the North West that can match the range of on-site training and support offered by our club. In large part, this is because of our location as part of the Guinea Gap complex. The protection for the site will help to ensure that communities locally, from across Wirral and from further afield can continue to have access to scuba diving as an activity that has great benefits for developing fitness and all-round physical and mental health. Our club has been a proud part of the local community for the past 70 years, and we look forward to this continuing and growing further as Wirral Council’s plans for Seacombe and Wirral are put into action.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary, Merseyside Branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC Branch 5)
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** Proposed Modification PM39 (addition of yellow shaded areas edged in green [Urban Sport and Recreation Site, Appendix 11, SR-SA1.11A]) [Note: other changes subject to PM22]