

# 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)


<b>Title</b>	██████████
<b>First name</b>	Kyle
<b>Last name</b>	Betteridge
<b>Organisation (where relevant)</b>	████████████████████
<b>Address</b>	████████████████████ ████████████████████
<b>Postcode</b>	██████████
<b>Telephone number</b>	██████████
<b>Email address</b>	████████████████████
<b>Objective ID number (if known)</b>	

### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

<b>Title</b>	
<b>First name</b>	
<b>Last name</b>	
<b>Job title (where relevant)</b>	
<b>Organisation (where relevant)</b>	
<b>Who are you representing?</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	
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## 3. Data Protection Notice

	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
- 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](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 [ 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 / ~~No~~ (please delete as appropriate)

Sound – Yes / ~~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.

I consider that modification of the text has gone too far, resulting in the watering down of prescriptive protection of ‘Best & Most Versatile’ (B&MV) Green Belt Agricultural Land and also there is no mention of the Council Policy (unanimously voted through) NOT to release ANY ‘productive agricultural land’ for development, thereby maintaining or enhancing the Rural Economy and ‘food security’ which is increasingly vital in an uncertain world of conflict, international competition, depleted Nature, and Climate Change.

New Para A: the sentence, “areas of poorer quality land should be preferred” would be better to read, “areas of poorer quality land must be prioritised and instances of non-use justified.”

New Para B: the addition of, “significant” in the phrase, “significant loss of agricultural land” is supported but undefined as to extent. Suggest adding, “in the opinion of the Council”.

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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.

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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.

Within the Main Modifications Sustainability Appraisal September 2024

SA topic land and soil states:

“Promote the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources, including supporting development which avoids the best and most versatile agricultural land and development which makes effective use of previously developed land.”

With the previous unanimous vote NOT to release ANY ‘productive agricultural land’ for development, thereby maintaining or enhancing the Rural Economy and ‘food security’ which is increasingly vital in an uncertain world of conflict, international competition, depleted Nature, and Climate Change.

Suggest changing “avoids” to “does not allow” use of the best and most versatile agricultural land in development and supports development which makes effective use of previously developed land .

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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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