

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)	United Utilities Water Limited
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

✓	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 [18]

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.**

We note the newly inserted criterion G under the heading of Utilities Infrastructure which states:

'G. Development proposals which would be detrimental to, or result in the loss of critical utilities infrastructure and facilities should clearly demonstrate that:

1. the service or facility is no longer needed; and

2. it is no longer practical, desirable or viable to retain.'

We object to this policy as it suggests that development proposals can have a detrimental impact on utilities. Whilst diversion or abandonment of utilities can be acceptable, there should never be a scenario where a development is permitted so that it detrimentally affects the operation of a utility network. For example, the diversion of a sewer should not affect the hydraulic performance of a sewer, which in turn could increase or displace flood risk. This would be a key matter to be assessed in any diversion proposals which would determine whether the diversion could be approved. Similarly, development should not affect the structural integrity of a sewer or water main.

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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.

Our revised wording is below:

'G. Development proposals which would be detrimental to, or result in the loss of ~~critical~~ in the alteration or abandonment of utilities infrastructure and facilities should clearly demonstrate, in written agreement with the relevant utility undertaker, that:

- 1. the service or facility is no longer needed; and*
- 2. it is no longer practical, desirable or viable to retain;- and*
- 3. there is no adverse impact on the operation of the services and facilities of the utility provider.'*

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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.

No comment.

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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.

No comment.

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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.

No comment.

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