

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 [44]

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.

Within Policy WD4, United Utilities notes the amendments to criterion J under the heading of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and Natural Flood Management. The amendments are:

~~'J. Applications should be supported by strategies for foul and surface water management. Development will be required to make provision for foul and surface water drainage in accordance with the drainage hierarchy including using sustainable drainage systems where technically possible and viable.'~~

We are concerned at the deletion of the first sentence as we believe that this adds ambiguity to the drainage requirements for a site. Foul drainage details are linked to the detailed design of a site and therefore they are it a critical consideration at the reserved matter / full application stage. Importantly, the risk of foul water flooding from the public sewer to a property can be determined by finished floor and ground levels, which is a matter to be considered in the detailed design of a site. For example, if finished floor levels are lower than the cover level of the sewer at the point at which a development connects to the public sewer, the property can be at a higher risk of sewer flooding. This may necessitate changes to the finished floor levels or changes to the drainage system to ensure any risk of flooding is minimised. Similarly, an understanding of the point of connection to the public sewer, allows us to consider the potential impact on our network noting that different points of connection can have different hydraulic impacts both on-site and off-site.

Based on the above, we request that the first sentence of criterion J is reinstated.

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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.

We request that the first sentence of criterion J to Policy WD4 is reinserted to avoid ambiguity in the policy requirements for drainage. Our suggested revised wording is below.

‘J. Applications should be supported by strategies for foul and surface water management. Development will be required to make provision for foul and surface water drainage in accordance with the drainage hierarchy including using sustainable drainage systems where technically possible and viable.’

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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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