

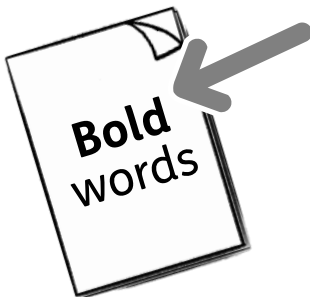
Local Plan

2021 to 2037

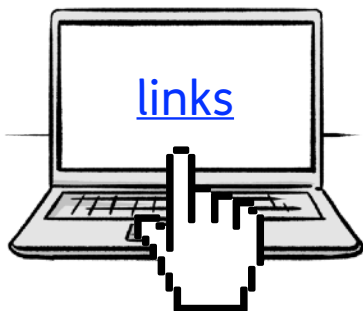


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In this easy read document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are blue and underlined. These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Wirral Council is responsible for planning new buildings in Wirral.



We have written this Local Plan to explain where we want to build new homes and places of work in Wirral.



We want new homes and new places of work in areas we call Regeneration Areas and Settlement Areas.



We asked people where we should build new homes.



People said:

- Don't build on green fields.
- Build new homes where there were buildings in the past.

Regeneration Areas



Regeneration Areas are places which have had a lot of buildings, docks and factories in the past.



Most of the buildings are now empty and not being used.



We want:

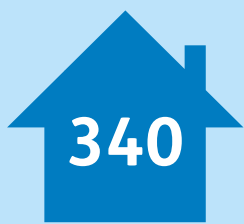
- A lot of new homes and places of work in these areas.



- To make these areas exciting places for people to live, work and enjoy themselves.

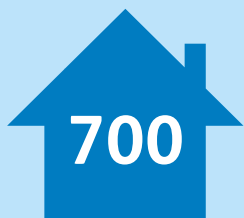


There are 11 Regeneration Areas. 8 of them are in Birkenhead around the docks.

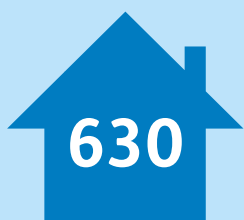


The Regeneration Areas are:

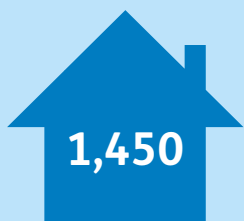
1. Along the river at Seacombe. We plan about 340 new homes.



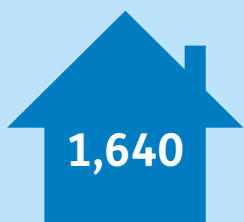
2. Scotts Quay in Birkenhead Docks. We plan about 700 new homes.



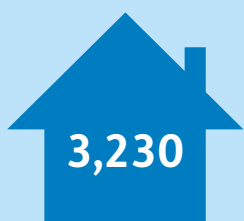
3. Birkenhead Waterfront. We plan about 630 new homes.



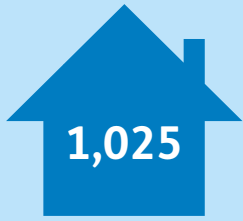
4. Central Birkenhead. We plan about 1,450 new homes.



5. Hind Street and St. Werburgh's. We plan about 1,640 new homes.



6. Wirral Waters. This includes East Float Dock, West Float Dock and Bidston Dock. We plan about 3,230 new homes.



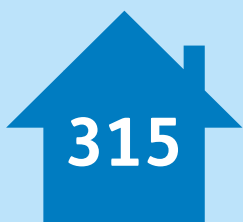
7. Hamilton Park. We plan 1025 new homes.



8. Northside. This will have land for factories, businesses and places of work.



9. Liscard. We plan to improve the town centre and build about 200 new homes.



10. New Brighton. We plan to build about 315 new homes.



11. New Ferry. We plan to improve the shopping area and build about 100 new homes.

Settlement Areas



Settlement Areas are areas that already have a lot of housing and places of work.



We want a smaller number of new homes or places of work in parts of the Settlement Areas.



Local green spaces

We also want to make rules to protect certain local green spaces.



These are parks, woods and areas people use for leisure.

The protection will mean that no one can build on these green spaces.

8 Settlement Areas

There are 8 Settlement Areas:

1. Wallasey



This area includes New Brighton, Liscard and Seacombe.

We have already talked about new homes in Seacombe and New Brighton. On top of this we want about 130 new homes, mainly in 4 places in this area.



We want to protect 13 local green spaces in Wallasey.

2. Central Birkenhead



We want new places of work in 2 places in the Central Birkenhead area.



3. Other parts of Birkenhead

We want about 138 new homes, mainly in 5 places in other parts of Birkenhead.



We want to protect 10 local green spaces in Birkenhead.



4. Bebington, Bromborough and Eastham

We want about 1980 new homes mainly in 7 places in this area.



We also want new places of work in 5 places.



We want to protect 1 local green space in this area.

5. **Leasowe, Moreton, Upton, Greasby and Woodchurch**



We want about 350 new homes mainly in 6 places, and about 4 new places of work in this area.



We want to protect 5 local green spaces in this area.

6. **West Kirby and Hoylake**



We want about 60 new homes mainly in small places in this area.



We want to protect 4 local green spaces in this area.



7. Irby, Pensby, Thingwall, Heswall and Gayton

We want about 34 new homes mainly in 1 place in this area.



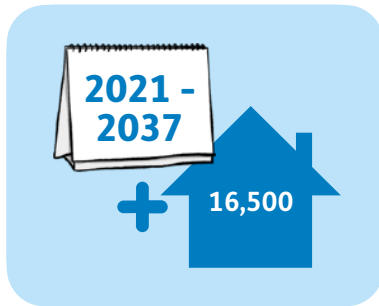
We want to protect 16 local green spaces in this area.



8. The countryside areas of Wirral

We have no plans to build in any of the countryside areas of Wirral.

What housing do we need?

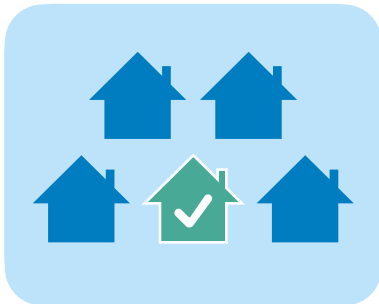


We need to build 835 new homes each year between 2021 and 2037. That is a total of 16,500 new homes.

Affordable housing



Affordable housing means that people who don't earn a lot of money can afford to live there.



We think that 1 in every 5 of these new homes need to be affordable.

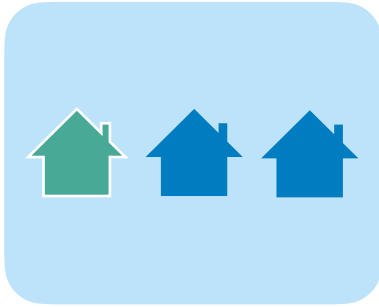
First homes



First homes are for people who want to buy a home away from their family for the first time.



A quarter of the affordable housing should be first homes.



Family homes

We want about a third of new homes in Regeneration Areas to have 3 or more bedrooms, so they are suitable for families.



We want 7 out of 10 new homes in Settlement Areas to have 3 or more bedrooms.



Build your own homes

In places where more than 50 new homes will be built, we will ask for some space where people can build their own homes or get a builder to build one for them.



Jobs

We are saying that certain land must be used to build new places of work. This will lead to more jobs for people in Wirral.



Shops

We are looking to support Wirral's town centres but we are not planning to have land ready to build new shops.

What next?



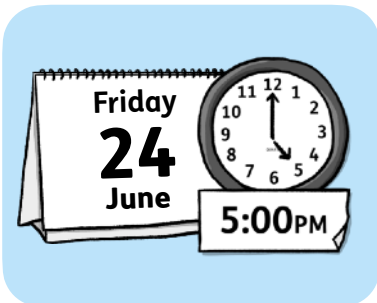
What do you think?

If you have any comments about the local plan you can tell us by filling in a form.



You can get information about the form here:

www.wirral.gov.uk/newlocalplan



You should send your completed form back to us by 5pm on Friday 24 June.

For more information



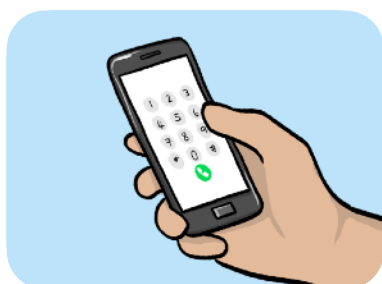
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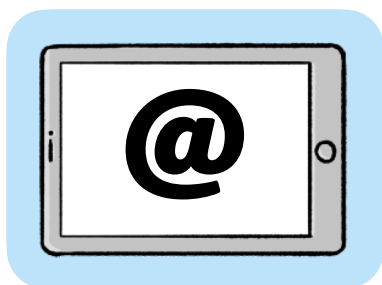
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