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1 Introduction

This paper copy questionnaire summarises the consultation questions set out in the Core Strategy for Wirral - Preferred Options Report (November 2010).

It is designed to enable people who may not feel comfortable answering the consultation questions on the on-line version of the Preferred Options Report to have their comments registered in writing using a standard format questionnaire.

This questionnaire should be submitted by post, e-mail or fax to arrive at the address below no later than 17.00 hours on Friday 7 January 2011.

The comments received will be used to help the Council decide on what should be included in the final Core Strategy.

The Council expects to consult on a full draft Plan in Spring 2011 before submitting the final Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for public examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

Additional copies of this questionnaire can be provided on request from the address below or can be downloaded from http://wirral-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal

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2 Plan Period

The initial time period for the Core Strategy in the Spatial Options Report extended to 2031. Preferred Option 1 - Plan Period now reduces the plan period to March 2027.

Consultation Question 1
Do you agree with Preferred Option 1 - Plan Period?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

3 Settlement Areas

Previous stages of consultation have shown how the Core Strategy could impact on local areas by defining eight broad Settlement Areas based on the main groups of settlements within the Borough. Preferred Option 2 - Settlement Area Policies now proposes that a series of individual policies for each Settlement Area will be included in the final Core Strategy to set out the local priorities that will apply within each Settlement Area.

Consultation Question 2

Do you agree with Preferred Option 2 - Settlement Area Policies?

If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

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4 Spatial Vision

A Spatial Vision for the Core Strategy has already been subject to public consultation on two occasions. Preferred Option 3 - Spatial Vision now sets out the Council's preferred vision for the future of the Borough.

Consultation Question 3
Do you agree with Preferred Option 3 - Spatial Vision?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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5 Spatial Objectives

The Spatial Objectives for the Core Strategy have also been subject to public consultation on two occasions. The Council has now further revised the Spatial Objectives to express the priority to be given to issues related to economic revitalisation; housing growth and housing market renewal; transport accessibility; neighbourhood services; environmental quality; flood risk; and the creation of a new city neighbourhood in east Wirral.

Consultation Question 4

Do you agree with the Preferred Spatial Objectives?

If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see them changed.

Please indicate the Objective(s) you are talking about by referring to their number and title.

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Consultation Question 4 continued	

6 Broad Spatial Strategy

The Council consulted on three Broad Spatial Options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 4 - Broad Spatial Strategy now seeks to focus new development towards areas in greatest need of social, economic and environmental regeneration and towards the most sustainable urban locations.

Consultation Question 5	
Do you agree with Preferred Option 4 - Broad Spatial Strategy?	
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.	
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7 Scale of New Housing Development

The revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy means that the Council must now consult on the scale of housing to be provided across the Borough. New Policy Options have been proposed based on need, capacity and market delivery.

Consultation Question 6

Is this a fair assessment of the available Policy Options for the scale of new housing development over the plan period? Please give the reasons for your answer.

Do you agree with the Council's conclusion that Policy Option PO1 is most likely to be the preferred option for the future scale of new housing development? In not, please indicate which Policy Option you would prefer and explain the reasons for your preference.
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8 Local Housing Targets

Preferred Option 5 - Local Housing Targets sets out the Council's Preferred Option for the future scale of new housing in Wirral at an annual average of 250 net additional dwellings which may be exceeded within regeneration priority areas, if the market allows.

Consultation Question 7 Do you agree with Preferred Option 5 - Local Housing Targets? If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

9 Distribution of New Housing Development

The Council consulted on the distribution of new housing in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 6 - Distribution of Housing now sets out the Council's preferred distribution to support the delivery of spatial objectives related to urban regeneration, housing market renewal and housing growth.

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Consultation Question 8
Do you agree with Preferred Option 6 - Distribution of Housing?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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10 Phasing of New Housing Development

The Council consulted on two main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 7 - Phasing Housing Development now sets out the Council's preference for a Borough-wide approach to maximise the re-use of existing buildings and previously developed land.

Consultation Question 9
Do you agree with Preferred Option 7 - Phasing Housing Development?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

11 Order of Preference for Housing Development

The Council also consulted on an order of preference for the development of different types of land for new housing in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 8 - Order of Preference now sets out the Council's preference for using brownfield sites before greenfield sites and for using sites in east Wirral before sites in west Wirral.

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Consultation Question 10
Do you agree with Preferred Option 8 - Order of Preference?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

12 Affordable and Specialist Housing

The Council consulted on two main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 9 - Affordable and Specialist Housing now sets out the Council's preference for a Borough-wide approach to the delivery of affordable and specialist housing.

Consultation Question 11 Do you agree with Preferred Option 9 - Affordable and Specialist Housing? If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

13 Gypsies and Travellers

The Council consulted on two main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 10 - Gypsies and Travellers sets out the Council's preference for the application of a series of Borough-wide criteria.

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Consultation Question 12
Do you agree with Preferred Option 10 - Gypsies and Travellers?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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14 Distribution of Employment

The Council consulted on three main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 11 - Distribution of Employment now sets out the Council's preference for an approach based on directing new employment development towards strategic locations, existing industrial areas and town centres.

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Consultation Question 13	
Do you agree with Preferred Option 11 - Distribution of Employment?	
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.	

15 Town Centre Hierarchy

The Council consulted on a revised town centre hierarchy in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 12 - Retail Network now sets out the Council's preferred hierarchy of centres.

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Consultation Question 14
Do you agree with Preferred Option 12 - Retail Network?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

16 Distribution of Retailing

The Council consulted on two main options for the distribution of new retail floorspace in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 13 - Retail Growth now sets out the Council's preference for directing new retail floorspace to existing centres before considering new retail development at Wirral Waters.

Consultation Question 15
Do you agree with Preferred Option 13 - Distribution of Retailing?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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17 Renewable, Decentralised and Low Carbon Energy

The Council consulted on three main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 14 - Decentralised Energy now sets out the Council's preference for supporting projects with significant potential to generate new renewable, decentralised and low carbon energy.

18 Better Design

The Council consulted on three main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 15 - Better Design now sets out the Council's preference for an overall policy supported by additional guidance based on local characteristics.

19 Development Management

The Council consulted on two main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 16 - Development Management sets out the Council's preference for the inclusion of a series of Borough wide criteria.

Consultation Question 18
Do you agree with Preferred Option 16 - Development Management?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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20 Developer Contributions

The Council consulted on two main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 17 - Developer Contributions sets out the Council's preference for listing the types of contributions that are likely to be required, subject to any future changes in national policy.

Consultation Question 19
Do you agree with Preferred Option 17 - Developer Contributions?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

21 Green Infrastructure

The Council consulted on two main options in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 18 - Green Infrastructure now sets out the Council's preference for an approach based on both numerical standards and local characteristics.

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Consultation Question 20
Do you agree with Preferred Option 18 - Green Infrastructure?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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22 Minerals

The Council did not include any options for minerals in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 19 - Minerals now sets out the Council's preference for including additional criteria to deal with the protection, impact and aftercare of minerals sites.

Consultation Question 21 Do you agree with Preferred Option 19 - Minerals? If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

23 Waste Management

The Council did not include any options for waste management in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 20 - Waste Management now sets out the Council's preference for an approach that will encourage sustainable waste management and support the preparation of a separate joint Waste Development Plan Document.

Consultation Question 22
Do you agree with Preferred Option 20 - Waste Management?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.
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24 Strategic Locations

The potential for the identification of strategic locations was identified in a number of places in the Spatial Options Report. Preferred Option 21 - Strategic Locations now set out the Council's preference to identify Birkenhead and Wirral Waters as a broad location for the development of a New City Neighbourhood.

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Consultation Question 23
Do you agree with Preferred Option 21 - Strategic Locations?
If not, please give the reasons for your answer and explain how you would like to see it changed.

25 Other Comments

The following section allows you to make more general comments about the Preferred Options Report and its accompanying documents.

Consultation Question 24

Do you have any other comments on the content of the Preferred Options Report or any of its supporting documents?

Please state the name of the document you are referring to and the paragraph or section number in that document in your answer.

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