

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR WIRRAL – CORE STRATEGY LOCAL PLAN

PROPOSED SUBMISSION DRAFT REPRESENTATION FORM

If you have internet access, an electronic version of this Representation Form is available for you to complete or download on-line at <http://wirral-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>.

Instructions

Before you start, please read the guidance on making representations on page 6.

Any comments you submit will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State as part of a public examination. The purpose of the examination will be to consider whether the Core Strategy complies with legal requirements and is 'sound'.

In order to assist the Inspector, please fill in the shaded areas of the form. If you are completing a hard-copy response and require additional space, please continue on separate sheets, making it clear which question you are referring to.

Please fill in a separate Representation Form for each part of the Core Strategy you wish to comment on.

Written responses should be addressed to Wirral Council, Forward Planning Section, Regeneration, Housing and Planning Department, North Annexe, Wallasey Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, CH44 8ED or e-mailed to lauramyles@wirral.gov.uk or faxed to 0151 691 8188 or submitted on-line at <http://wirral-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> and must arrive no later than 17.00 hours on Monday 11 February 2013.

This Representation Form can also be made available in alternative formats, on request.

Your Details

It is important that you fill in your contact details below. Without these details we are unable to consider your representation. We may also wish to contact you to clarify your representation. Please note that we will not be able to keep your representation or personal details confidential.

Name:

Address:

Organisation (if applicable):

E-mail address (optional):

Contact telephone number (optional):

Question 1: Which part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy do you wish to comment on? (for example, “Policy CS3 – Green Belt, page 22” or “Spatial Vision, page 10”).

You will need to complete a separate Representation Form for each part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy you wish to comment on.

Question 2: Please enter the comments you wish to make on the part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy referred to in Question 1 in the box below.

Question 3: Do you wish to make any comments on the supporting documents, such as the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Spatial Portrait, Delivery Framework, Infrastructure Plan, Monitoring Plan or evidence base?

Please enter your comments in the box below.

Question 4: Do you consider the part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy referred to in Question 1 to be legally compliant?

	Tick as appropriate
Yes	
No	
Don't Know	

Question 5: If you answered "No" to Question 4, please use the box below to set out why you think that part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy is not legally compliant.

Question 6: Do you consider the part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy referred to in Question 1 to be sound?

	Tick as appropriate
Yes	
No	
Don't Know	

Question 7: If you answered “No” to Question 6, please state why you think that part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy is not sound by ticking the relevant box(es) below:

Soundness Test	Tick as appropriate
It has not been positively prepared	
It is not justified	
It is not effective	
It is not consistent with national policy	

Please use the box below to set out in further detail why you consider that this part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy is not sound (if applicable).

Question 8: If you are seeking a change to the part of the Proposed Submission Draft Core Strategy referred to in Question 1, please tell us how you would like the Core Strategy to be changed. You should put forward your suggested changes including any revised wording in the box below:

Question 9: If you have suggested a change under Question 8, will you consider it necessary to present your case to the Planning Inspector in person at the examination hearing? Please tick the relevant box below:

	Please tick as appropriate
I wish to appear in person at the examination hearing*	
I wish my representation to be considered by the Inspector in writing	

**Please note that the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State will give equal weight to representations presented in writing. Respondents requesting to appear in person will be contacted at a later date to confirm whether they still wish to do so.*

If you have selected to appear in person at the examination hearing, please use the box below to explain why you do not wish your representation to be considered by the Planning Inspector in writing.

Question 10: Do you wish to be notified of any of the following events?

	Please tick as appropriate
the submission of the Core Strategy?	
the publication of the Inspectors Report?	
the adoption of the Core Strategy?	

Thank you for completing this Representation Form. The Council will contact you to confirm that the Form has been safely received. The Council will also contact you if they require any further information on your representations.

Please return this Form to arrive no later than 17.00 hours on Monday 11 February 2013.

Guidance on Making Representations

The Core Strategy has been published for final representations prior to submission to the Secretary of State. Any written representations received will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector alongside the final version of the Core Strategy.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) (the 2004 Act) states that the purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Core Strategy complies with legal requirements and is 'sound'. A detailed explanation of what legal compliance and soundness means is set out below.

Legal Compliance

The Inspector must ensure that the Core Strategy meets the legal requirements of the 2004 Act (Section 20(5)(a) and (b) refer). For example:

- Has the Core Strategy been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out under **Section 19 of the 2004 Act**? Has the Core Strategy been prepared in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme, relevant national policies and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement? Has the Core Strategy had regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy for Wirral and has the Core Strategy been subject to Sustainability Appraisal?
- Is the Core Strategy in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy? (**Section 24(1) of the 2004 Act**)
- Has the preparation of the Core Strategy complied with the **Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012, No. 767)**? Has Wirral Council made the prescribed documents available in accordance with the Regulations?
- Has Wirral Council engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with the relevant bodies? (**Section 33A of the 2004 Act**)

Soundness

The Inspector must also ensure that the Core Strategy is sound (Section 20(5)(b) of the 2004 Act refers). The National Planning Policy Framework (CLG, March 2012, paragraph 182) sets out the requirements for a sound plan. A sound plan must be:

- **Positively prepared** – the plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- **Justified** – the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;
- **Effective** – the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategy priorities; and
- **Consistent with national policy** – the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Please contact a member of the Forward Planning Team on 0151 691 8225 if you have any further questions about the process for registering your comments.