

NOTICE OF EXTENSION TO THE CONSULTATION PERIOD

The Regulation 19 publication period for representations has been extended and will now close on 25th July 2022 at 5pm

Statement of Representations Procedure

This statement has been prepared by Wirral Borough Council (the Council) pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (regulations 19,20 and 35) as amended:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/767/contents>

Document Title:

Wirral Local Plan 2021 to 2037 Submission Draft May 2022

Subject matter and area covered:

The Council has prepared a Local Plan Submission Draft document which it intends to submit for independent Examination. The Local Plan provides an overall vision for the Borough, strategic objectives, strategic policies and detailed policies to explain how the vision and objectives will be achieved, together with a Policies Map which shows where policies apply.

The Local Plan Submission Draft includes proposed land allocations and policies to meet the Borough's objectively assessed development and infrastructure needs and also identifies sites which are proposed to be protected as Local Green Space.

Once adopted, the Wirral Local Plan, along with 'made' neighbourhood plans and the Joint Waste Plan for Merseyside and Halton (2013), will form the overall statutory development plan for the Borough against which all planning applications will be determined. The Wirral Local Plan will replace all of the 'saved' policies of the Unitary Development Plan (2000).

The Wirral Local Plan 2021-2037 Submission Draft was published for public representations on the 9th May 2022. The Council has identified that two documents, which were published in support of the Local Plan, were incomplete as described below:

- Wirral Local Plan: Pre Submission Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Report April 2022 [SD2] – Appendix A - Maps missing
- Wirral Local Plan 2021-2037 CIL & Viability Assessment February 2022 [DV1] - Appendix 8 - Presentation Slides missing

In addition, in the Wirral Local Plan 2021-2037 CIL & Viability Assessment February 2022 [DV1] the following changes have been made: Appendix 1- Removal of "Draft" watermark and amended text on page 1 to clarify version of policies assessed; Appendix 2: removal of "Draft for consultation" watermark. Separately, the Housing Trajectory Annual Breakdown has been published on the evidence base webpage as document BP1.1 alongside the Housing Delivery Strategy.

Library	Normal Opening Hours (closed bank holidays)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Borough Road Birkenhead Wirral CH41 2XB						
Bromborough Library Allport Lane Bromborough Wirral CH62 7HR	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	9am-1pm on 14.05.22, 28.05.22, 11.06.22
Eastham Library Mill Park Drive Eastham Wirral CH62 9AN	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	9am-1pm on 21.05.22, 04.06.22, 18.06.22
Greasby Library Greasby Road Greasby CH49 3AT	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	9am-1pm on 14.05.22, 28.05.22, 11.06.22
Higher Bebington Library Higher Bebington Road Higher Bebington Wirral CH63 2PT	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm on 21.05.22, 04.06.22, 18.06.22
Hoylake Library Market Street Hoylake CH47 5AA	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm on 21.05.22, 04.06.22, 18.06.22
Irby Library Thurstaston Road Irby Wirral CH61 0HE	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	9am-1pm on 14.05.22, 28.05.22, 11.06.22
Moreton Library Pasture Road Moreton Wirral CH46 8SA	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	9am-1pm on 21.05.22, 04.06.22, 18.06.22
Pensby Library	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	9am-1pm on

Library	Normal Opening Hours (closed bank holidays)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Concourse West Kirby CH48 4HX						
Woodchurch Library Ganney's Meadow Early Years Site New Hey Road Woodchurch Wirral CH49 8HB	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm 2pm-5pm	9am-1pm on 21.05.22, 04.06.22, 18.06.22

3. Request a copy of the Local Plan or Discuss Access to the Local Plan

If you wish to request a hard copy of the Local Plan or supporting documents, or if you require assistance with an accessible format of the Local Plan, you can contact the Council using the following contact details:

Telephone: 0151 691 8235

Email: localplan@wirral.gov.uk

Please note that copies of relevant documentation will be subject to a reasonable charge to cover the costs for printing and postage.

How to Submit a representation:

Those wishing to make a representation should first read the guidance note available to view and download from the Council's Local Plan webpage here:

www.wirral.gov.uk/newlocalplan and available at all libraries.

All representations should clearly specify in what respect(s) the Local Plan is considered to be unsound, and what change(s) would need to be made to make it sound. The Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment are also the subject of publication.

All valid representations received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of an Examination by [an] independent Planning Inspector[s] and will be made available for the public to view (including your name, but will not include personal contact details or signatures). Anonymous representations cannot be accepted and representations cannot be treated as confidential. The Council's Privacy Notice can be found here: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plans-and-planning-policy/forward-planning-privacy-notice>

To submit your representation online:

Representations should be made electronically where possible, via the forms included within the online Local Plan Submission Draft Document. You can do this by registering or logging into the Council's online consultation portal here:

<https://wirral-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

A Guidance note explaining how to make a representation via the online consultation can be viewed and downloaded here: www.wirral.gov.uk/newlocalplan

To submit your representation by email or post: You should use the

Representation Form which can be downloaded here:

www.wirral.gov.uk/newlocalplan or collected from any of the libraries listed in the table above.

Completed forms can be returned by:

Email: localplan@wirral.gov.uk; or

By Post (addressed to): Local Plan, Wirral Council, PO Box 290, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral CH27 9FQ.

Please note: If you want to deliver your representation by hand, please deliver it to the reception at the Council's Distribution Services at 5 Sandford Street, Birkenhead, CH41 1BN.

All representations must set out clearly why, and how, it is considered that the Draft Local Plan (in whole or in part) is:

- legally compliant or non-compliant;
- compliant or non-compliant with the Duty to Cooperate; and/or,
- sound or unsound.

Please attach to your email or send by post a completed Part A form and as many completed Part B forms as relevant. If you need to send your representations across multiple emails, please contact the Council in advance to ensure no representations are missed.

Please note, that all representations received by email and post may be entered into the council's online consultation portal. Therefore, you may receive an acknowledgement via your preferred contact method once your representation has been processed onto the portal.

We strongly recommend that all representations are made using the standard representation form provided, whether you complete it online, download and complete it on a computer and submit by email or post, or print it off to provide a handwritten response and post it to us. This helps to ensure that all comments received are relevant and that the correct information is collected to allow representations to be considered fully by the Planning Inspector. If all required questions are not answered, your representation may be invalid and may not be considered by the Inspector.

Notification of next stages in Wirral's local plan preparation

When making your representation you will also have the option to request to be notified of the following stages of the Local Plan process:

1. the submission of the Local Plan for independent examination;
2. the publication of the Inspector's recommendations following independent examination of the Local Plan; and,
3. the adoption of the Local Plan.

You can also request to be added to our consultation database, to be notified of future consultations on Wirral's planning-related documents by emailing localplan@wirral.gov.uk You can request to be removed from any, or all, of the above databases at any time.

Contacting the Planning Policy Team at the Council

If you do not have access to the internet you can contact us by telephone on the number below to make factual enquiries about the Local Plan Submission Draft and supporting documents.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the planning policy team using the details below:

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