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Service: **Economic & Housing Growth Directorate**

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Dear Respondent

**Local Plan and Development Options Review – update August 2019**

Thank you for your consultation response to last year's Development Options Review consultation. A summary of these consultation comments was published on the Council's web site in February 2019.

These comments are helping to develop the Local Plan. On behalf of the Council, I want to apologise for taking so long in getting back to you and thanking you for taking the time to get involved in this process and providing your views.

Over the past few months, the Council has been working on its evidence base so we have the up-to-date information needed to prepare a draft Local Plan. The draft Local Plan will be considered by the Council's Cabinet in November 2019 and by Council in December 2019. Following this, public consultation on the draft Plan will commence in January 2020. At that time, in addition to the draft Local Plan, the Council will publish the evidence base on which the plan is based and will provide a detailed response on the previous consultation showing how your comments have been taken into account.

There will then be the opportunity for you to provide further comments on the Plan and this will also include focus groups on key themes of the plan. More details on the consultation process will be sent to you in December 2019.

The comments received during this consultation will be considered further by the Council before it publishes the final version of its Plan around July 2020.

The Council will be submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination in November 2020.

Preparing a Local Plan is a statutory and technical process. It has a lot of jargon and can be difficult to follow in all its details. Therefore, the Council will be launching a simplified web site shortly which will help to explain the process and give easy access to the key documents and timescales. You can also contact me direct if you have any further questions.

The Local Plan is a very important document. It will shape the places where we live, it will promote sustainable development, health and wellbeing, the protection of our environmental and heritage assets, it will promote regeneration and brownfield development.

The new Local Plan is an exciting opportunity to shape the future of Wirral and I hope that you will continue to let us have your comments during the next stage of the consultation in January 2020.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Ball".

David Ball

Assistant Director, Major Growth Projects and Housing Delivery