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Dear Councillor

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I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following document which was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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| 7. | Local Plan Update and Proposed Modifications (Pages 69 - 82) Addendum Note attached |

Yours sincerely,

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Addendum to Enclosure 1 ‘Local Plan update and proposed modifications’

The Inspector examines the Local Plan ‘as submitted’ by the Council. However there are further opportunities to make changes before and during the Examination before the Local Plan is adopted. Under Section 20(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), as revised by Section 112 of the Localism Act (2011) modifications are either classified as "main" or "additional" modifications.

“Main Modifications” are required to resolve issues that make the Local Plan unsound (see paragraph 182 of the [National Planning Policy Framework](#)) or where it is not legally compliant. They involve changes or insertions to policies and text that are essential to enable the Plan to be adopted. Main Modifications are therefore significant changes that have an impact on the implementation of a policy.

“Additional Modifications” are of a more minor nature and do not materially affect the policies set out in the Sefton Local Plan. Additional modifications mainly relate to points where a need has been identified to clarify the text, include updated facts, or make typographical or grammatical revisions which improve the readability of the Sefton Local Plan.

The following changes (set out in Enclosure 1) are considered to be “main modifications”.

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| PMM.1 | 1.6A | Add a new paragraph 1.6A to state ‘Although the Local Plan contains policy IN3 ‘Managing Waste’, more detailed guidance about the allocation of sites for waste disposal and detailed policies for the management of waste are contained in the joint Waste Local Plan, which has been adopted by the six Merseyside districts.’ |
| PMM.2 | 1.6B | Add a new paragraph after paragraph 1.6A to state that ‘The Council will prepare a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide further detail and guidance on the policies and proposals in the development plan. Where SPDs are proposed, this is indicated in the explanation to the policy. They do not form part of the statutory development plan themselves. When adopted by the Council, they will be a material consideration in determining planning applications. |
| PMM.3 | 2.26 | Add a new paragraph 2.26A ‘In addition to the need for road improvements, there is also a need to promote multimodal access to the port. The more rail and water can be used to transport goods to and from the port, the more this can help relieve pressure on the road network. However, it is acknowledged there will still be a major role for road transport depending on the destinations of the cargo being carried to and from the port. The Southern Zone of the Port of Liverpool (south of Alexandra Dock down to Sandon Dock) does not have rail access at the moment. Merseytravel, on behalf of City Region partners, has commissioned a rail connectivity study to look into options for reconnecting this part of the port to the rail network.’ |

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| PMM.4 | Page 28 | A Key Diagram [Figure 4.4] will be inserted after page 28 of the Local Plan. |
| PMM.5 | 4.44 | Replace paragraph 4.44 with the following: ‘the Council is committed to an immediate review of the draft Plan. To this end, and as part of the Duty to Co-operate, it is collaborating with the other Liverpool City Region authorities to carry out a sub-regional Housing study, Employment study and Green Belt study. It has also commissioned a study to ascertain where, on the spectrum of housing need based on the employment forecasts, Sefton’s objectively assessed needs, is, and one to assess the social, economic and environmental effects of increasing the amount of housing above the 615 contained in this Plan.’ |
| PMM.6 | Policy MN2 | Amend the following site capacities and areas (where relevant): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN2.2 Bankfield Lane – increase the indicative capacity of the site from 220 to 300 • MN2.10 Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale – increase the site area increased from 2.0 ha to 2.6 ha and the indicative capacity from 49 to 83 • MN2.34 – Aintree Curve – increase the indicative capacity of the site from 100 to 109 • MN2.42 – Klondyke phases 2 and 3 - increase the indicative capacity of the site from 140 to 142 • MN2.44 – St Joan of Arc – increase the indicative capacity of the site from 48 to 51 • MN2.46 – Land east of Maghull – decrease the site area from 86.0ha to 85.8ha |
| PMM.7 | 6.8A | Add a new paragraph ‘National planning policy indicates that when Green Belt boundaries are reviewed, they should be capable of enduring beyond the Plan period. However, because of the need for an immediate review of the Local Plan this may not be possible. This review needs to take account of the updated objectively assessed housing need for Sefton, the need to make provision for the conclusions of the Port Access Study, and to take account of any requirements for distribution and other Port-related development following the opening of Liverpool2 at the end of 2015 (see paragraphs 4.42 – 44),. Any changes to the boundaries of the Green Belt will be included in a future review of the Local Plan.’ |
| PMM.8 | 6.78 | Replace the paragraph with: ‘The two areas of Safeguarded Land have a combined potential capacity of around 1,000 dwellings. In addition, it is assumed that 318 dwellings at site MN2.5 (Crowland Street, Southport), 90 dwellings at site MN2.2 Land at Moss Lane, Southport, 80 dwellings at site MN2.46 Land East of Maghull, and 263 dwellings at Town Lane, Southport (permission ref S/2012/0400) will be delivered after 2030 due to likely market take up rates. This land, with a total estimated capacity of some 1,750 dwellings, will ensure that |

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| | | the proposed Green Belt boundary can endure in the longer term, beyond the current Local Plan period, though no specific time horizon is identified as to when that will be.' |
| PMM.9 | Policy ED3 | Replace part 2 of the Policy with the following: '2. Other uses will only be permitted where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are small scale or ancillary to the above uses, and would not prejudice the operation of Class B1, B2, or B8 uses within the Primarily Industrial Area, or • The land/premises have been continuously and actively marketed for Class B1, B2 and B8 uses for at least 2 years, and • The proposed use provides comparable job outputs to at least Class B8 uses (as defined by the most recent HCA Employment Densities Guide), and would not prejudice the operation of ClassB1, B2, or B8 uses within the Primarily Industrial Area.' |
| PMM.10 | Policy ED6 | Amend part (b) ii (Bootle Gas Works) as follows: 'The redevelopment of this site for appropriate uses will be permitted where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The proposed use provides a significant regeneration benefit to the area ii. The proposed use is compatible with the adjacent residential area iii. Any partial development would not prejudice the development of the remainder of the site.' |
| PMM.11 | Policy ED7 | Add a new part 5 c) to the policy, as follows: "Take opportunities to enhance heritage assets and their settings including securing their re-use, repair and restoration where appropriate. Where heritage is degraded through poor quality previous changes, enhancements should form part of proposals." |
| PMM.12 | Policy ED9 | Insert a new part of the policy after part 7 (under the 'Design and Townscape' header), which states: '7A. Development proposals in proximity to the listed St Michael's Cross should enhance its setting.' |
| PMM.13 | Policy HC1 | Replace part 6 of the policy with 'Where extra care or sheltered housing is proposed to be substituted for affordable housing, this must meet the tenure requirements set out in parts 2 and 4 of this policy.' |
| PMM.14 | Policy HC1 | Add a new point 9 to address commuted sum payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Off-site provision of affordable housing, or a financial contribution of broadly equivalent value, will be considered where it can be robustly justified, and where the agreed approach contributes to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities.' |
| PMM.15 | Policy HC2 part 1 | Replace part 1 of the policy with: 'In developments of 50 or more dwellings, at least 50% of new market properties must have 3 bedrooms or less.' |
| PMM.16 | Policy HC2 part 2 | Replace the requirement for Lifetime Homes with the following: 'In developments of 50 or more dwellings, at least 20% of |

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| | | new market properties must be designed to meet Building Regulation Requirement M4 (2) 'accessible and adaptable dwellings'. |
| PMM.17 | Policy HC2 | Add new part 5: 'The Council will support proposals for custom or self-build homes on appropriate sites.' |
| PMM.18 | Policy IN1 | Add to end of part 8 of the policy: 'Where scheme viability will be affected, developers will be expected to provide Viability Assessments which will be taken into account as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.' |
| PMM.19 | Policy IN2 | Add a 7 th part to the policy: '7. The Council will support initiatives that explore options to reconnect the Port of Liverpool (Southern Zone) between Alexandra Dock and Sandon Dock to the rail network. The alignment of the Canada Dock rail line from the Bootle Branch will be safeguarded until further decisions are made on the way forward. Proposals by Peel to extend the existing rail lines within the Port of Liverpool at Seaforth to directly serve the new Liverpool Container Terminal (L2) will be supported.' |
| PMM.20 | Policy EQ1 | Amend the sixth bullet point by adding ', betting offices, tanning salons' after 'non-food and drink uses'. |
| PMM.21 | Policy EQ3-Accessibility | Replace the 4 th and 5 th bullet points with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Ensure the needs of all residents and users of services and buildings, including those with limited mobility are met. • Ensure existing pedestrian and cycle paths are protected and where possible enhanced. • Ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and all road users is not adversely affected, and' |
| PMM.22 | 10.57A | Insert a new paragraph after paragraph 10.57 'Paragraph 103 of the Framework says that development proposals should not increase flood risk elsewhere, and paragraph 100 says that local plans should use opportunities offered by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding. Part 2 of the policy reflects this. Where development proposals include raising ground levels in areas where surface water or flood water flows or collects (including Flood Zones 2 and 3), compensatory reductions in ground levels within the site must also be included. That is, where infilling of the flood plain or sustainable drainage systems is proposed, flood storage must be provided to compensate this. This is to make sure that areas next to the site or further away do not suffer from increased surface water or flood levels.' |
| PMM.23 | 10.60 | Replace paragraph 10.60 with the following: 'Regarding section 4, applicants should refer to national and local guidance on sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), and should set out the arrangements for on-going maintenance. It may be that the most sustainable form of surface water drainage varies between different parts of a development |

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| | | <p>site, including where a site includes areas covered by buildings or impermeable hard surfaces as well as undeveloped 'greenfield' areas, or due to the site's topography. In these cases the applicant must incorporate the most sustainable drainage option for each different part of the site within the overall drainage scheme. It is recognised that Sections 4 and 5 may be difficult to achieve for some changes of use or extensions.'</p> <p>Add a new paragraph 10.60A: 'The guidance includes the National Planning Practice Guidance, National Planning Practice Guidance, Ministerial Statement (December 2014) and Defra's Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (2015), and CIRIA's SuDS Manual.'</p> |
| PMM.24 | NH1 Part 3 | <p>Replace the 1st paragraph of part 3 of the policy with 'Development should seek to protect and manage Sefton's natural assets (including natural habitats, sites and ecological network and green infrastructure). Where possible, development should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain, restore, enhance or extend these natural assets • Create new habitats, open spaces of public value and green infrastructure, and • Secure their long-term management.' <p>Add a new 2nd paragraph: 'Where it has been demonstrated that appropriate protection or retention of natural assets cannot be achieved, and there are no alternatives, mitigation and/or, as a last resort, compensatory provision will be required.'</p> |
| PMM.25 | NH1 Part 4 | <p>This paragraph should be renumbered as part 5. Amend the first sentence to read 'Proposals affecting Sefton's heritage assets and their settings should ensure that features which contribute to their significance are protected from losses and harmful changes.'</p> <p>In the last bullet point, replace 'recording, analysis and reporting must be undertaken' with 'a thorough analysis and recording of the asset must be undertaken.'</p> |
| PMM.26 | NH1 Part 4 | <p>Add a new paragraph after the revised wording: 'The main priorities in Sefton are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle heritage at risk • Protect and enhance Southport's Central Area and Seafont • Refurbish the historic parks and gardens, and • Maximise the potential of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.' |
| PMM.27 | 11.5A - D | <p>Add 4 new paragraphs after paragraph 11.5: '11.5A Sefton's natural assets include the designated nature and geological sites and Priority Habitats which comprise the Core Biodiversity Area that underpin the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Ecological Network. Paragraph 9 of the Framework recognises that pursuing sustainable</p> |

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| | | <p>development includes moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature, in line with wider Government policy set out in 'Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services' (2011). Other national policy for nature conservation is set out in paragraphs 109 to 119 of the Framework. This complements legal duties and requirements for nature conservation set out in a range of legislation including the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and the Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended).</p> <p>11.5B The internationally important nature sites are the most important features of the City Region's outstanding natural environment and network of green infrastructure as set out in the LCR Ecological Network. In line with the hierarchical approach, these sites have rigorous policy and legal protection and should only be developed where there are no alternative solutions, there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest and where there has been appropriate mitigation and / or compensatory provision.</p> <p>11.5C The key priorities for nature and geology in the City Region are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To manage our natural assets better – to protect the integrity of nature sites of international importance in the City Region, and to protect the City Region's nature and geodiversity assets; and • To make sure there is no net loss of these natural assets and to extend and enhance the City Region's Ecological Network and natural assets. <p>11.5D The LCR Ecological Network draws together the evidence (for example, nature site designations and Priority Habitats) and indicates strategic priorities and opportunities in Sefton and across the City Region. Many natural assets occur at a landscape-scale and cross local authority boundaries. Neighbouring areas of Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Cheshire are currently preparing Ecological Networks, which will allow a more integrated approach between Sefton and adjacent local authorities.'</p> |
| PMM.28 | 11.7 and 11.7A | <p>Replace the existing paragraph with:</p> <p>11.7 'The local authorities in the City Region have worked together to prepare the LCR Ecological Network as joint evidence and to help plan for biodiversity at a landscape-scale. Discussions with neighbouring areas through Nature Connected, the Government-recognised Local Nature Partnership, have enabled wider connections beyond the City Region to be made.</p> <p>11.7A The LCR Ecological Network includes a Core Biodiversity Area of designated nature and geological sites and Priority Habitats. It also includes linking networks and opportunities for further habitat creation and enhancement. The linking networks and opportunities for further habitat creation and enhancement are set out in sixteen Nature Improvement Focus Areas which together make up the LCR</p> |

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| | | Nature Improvement Area.’ |
| PMM.29 | 11.8 | Replace paragraph 11.8 with ‘The local authorities in the City Region continue to work together, and are committed to helping manage visitor pressure on the internationally important designated sites. This is a response to the ongoing Habitats Regulations Assessment process for their respective development plans. The opportunities identified in the LCR Nature Improvement Area provide a mechanism that helps focus and manage visitor pressure on the Sefton coast and at other internationally important nature sites within the City Region appropriately. More information about the hierarchical approach to the protection and enhancement of Sefton’s designated sites, Priority Habitats, Priority Species and protected species, according to their designation and significance, is set out in Policy NH2.’ |
| PMM.30 | NH2 Parts 4 and 5 | Delete parts 4 and 5 of the policy and replace them with: ‘4. Where it has been demonstrated that significant harm cannot be avoided, appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision may be required, to accord with the hierarchy of sites. The location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory measures will be targeted, using a sequential approach as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On site; • Immediate locality and / or within the Core Biodiversity Area; • LCR Nature Improvement Area within the Borough; and lastly • LCR Nature Improvement Area outside the Borough. 5. Where significant harm resulting from development cannot be avoided, adequately mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated, then planning permission will be refused. 6. Development proposals which affect sites of nature conservation importance, Priority Habitats, legally protected species or Priority Species must be supported by an Ecological Appraisal and include details of avoidance, mitigation and / or compensation, and management, where appropriate. 7. Plan policies apply to other sites recognised during the Plan period as being of nature conservation importance, including land provided as compensation. |
| PMM.31 | 11.17 A and B | Add two new paragraphs: 11.17A The Core Biodiversity Area also include Priority Habitats and Species, which are ‘habitats and species of principal importance’ for the conservation of biodiversity in England. They are identified as being the most threatened and in need of conservation action. Further guidance will be made available in the emerging Nature Conservation SPD. 11.17B The Council, together with other public bodies (such as the Environment Agency), has a duty under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act |

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| | | <p>(NERC) Act 2006 to conserve biodiversity when carrying out its normal functions. This 'biodiversity duty' includes Priority Habitats and Species. Priority Habitats sit outside the designated site hierarchy and may be of national (e.g. Ancient woodlands) or, sometimes, local importance. Legally protected species are those which have specific protection under legislation (e.g. badgers, bats). The emerging Nature Conservation SPD provides examples of priority and protected species in Sefton.</p> |
| PMM.32 | 11.18A - 11.18D | <p>Introduce 4 new paragraphs after paragraph 11.18:</p> <p>11.18A Policy NH2 sets out the hierarchical approach to the protection and enhancement of Sefton's designated nature and geodiversity sites, Priority Habitats and Species and legally protected species. It also sets out how to achieve the strategic priorities of managing the natural assets better and making sure there is no net loss of these assets.</p> <p>11.18B For each level of the hierarchy, where there may be potential adverse effects for internationally important nature sites, or significant harm for other sites and Priority Habitats, the policy also sets out the relative weight which will be given to the reasons for and the benefits of development and the impact on the nature conservation value of the site and its broader contribution to the LCR Ecological Network. In such cases, the policy also sets out the approach to appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision. The advice of suitably competent persons, such as ecologists, should be sought by applicants and the decision maker in relation to this policy.</p> <p>11.18C Policy NH2 also sets out the stringent requirements for development which affect internationally important nature sites. It is expected that very few development schemes would meet these requirements.</p> <p>11.18D Some habitats, such as ancient woodland and veteran trees, are irreplaceable because of their age and complexity and cannot be recreated once they are lost.'</p> |
| PMM.33 | 11.26A – 11.26C | <p>Replace paragraph 11.26 with the following:</p> <p>11.26A Section 3 of the policy sets out the approach to mitigation, and as a last resort, compensation. Here, compensation means compensatory provision, and may include financial compensation, where appropriate. It is crucial to the priority of no net loss that appropriate mitigation or, as a last resort, compensatory provision is made.</p> <p>11.26B It is important that the location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision follows the sequential approach set out in the policy. The aim is for it to be as close as possible to the development site. In some instances the immediate locality of the site may include nearby sites in West Lancashire or another district.</p> <p>11.26C Some proposed development sites have been identified as supporting species listed as being important in</p> |

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| | | the designations of the internationally important sites. More information about how compensatory habitat provision and management could be provided is set out in the Nature SPD. In Sefton they include feeding areas for Pink-footed goose, swans and a range of wading birds, taking into account this sequential approach.' |
| PMM.34 | 11.28A – 11.28B | Add two new paragraphs after the heading 'Enhancement': '11.28A The sequential approach for the location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision should also be followed for other enhancements. 11.28B Policy NH3 'Development in LCR Nature Improvement Areas' below, provides more information about the LCR Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and NIA Focus Areas.' |
| PMM.35 | 11.30 – 11.31 | Delete the existing paragraphs and replace them with 3 new paragraphs: '11.31A The Council will encourage opportunities for habitat enhancement as part of development proposals within the Nature Improvement Areas. These opportunities may be linked to, but should be additional to or include biodiversity provision, within wider green infrastructure provision or to the provision of water quality measures or sustainable drainage systems. These opportunities range, for example, from larger scale habitat creation within larger sites (such as wetland habitat linked to surface water management (SuDS) or flood risk storage areas) to smaller scale habitat creation on smaller sites (such as 'bat boxes' and/ or bulb planting). 11.31B Sefton Council owns or manages a number of sites. Other key partners who own or manage nature sites in Sefton include the Environment Agency, Mersey Forest and National Trust. Other landowners and farmers also play a local role in managing land which includes important habitats, principally for a range of farmland birds and overwintering birds, such as Lapwing, Curlew and Pink-footed goose and animals, such as bats, Water vole, Brown Hare and Otter, amphibians and reptiles. 11.31C Additionally, there will be opportunities for the Council, together with its partners, to enhance Sefton's natural assets, and with it, the green infrastructure network. The Council will also encourage other opportunities arising from development to enhance appropriate areas focusing on the LCR Nature Improvement Area (NIA) which is part of LCR Ecological Network. This could be through changes to land management practices as well as habitat creation at a larger scale. It is anticipated that funding would come from a variety of sources.' |
| PMM.36 | Policy NH3 | Replace the policy wording with: Development within the Nature Improvement Area will be permitted where it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables the functioning of the Nature Improvement Area; • Contributes to the opportunities for habitat creation and / |

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| | | <p>or habitat management as set out in the NIA Focus Area profiles; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is consistent with other policies in the Plan. |
| PMM.37 | 11.33 | <p>Delete this paragraph and insert 4 new paragraphs:</p> <p>'11.34A The LCR Nature Improvement Area (NIA), in line with paragraph 117 of the National Planning Policy Framework, is an integrated and prioritised framework for targeting opportunities for habitat creation and enhancement in the area where the greatest gains are likely to be achieved. This may include biodiversity offsetting, mitigation, compensation or changes in land management. Thus the LCR NIA offers solutions which enables sustainable growth and housing needs to be met without compromising Sefton's or the City Region's natural assets.</p> <p>11.34B Nature Improvement Areas have been proposed by Government as the principal mechanism for restoring and managing wildlife. They are intended to achieve significant enhancements to ecological networks by providing opportunities to improve existing wildlife sites, build ecological connections and restoring ecological processes. Given that they operate at a landscape-scale, these areas should connect with their local economies and communities.</p> <p>11.34C There are 17 NIA Focus Areas across the City Region, 5 of which are in Sefton [see appendix 2 and the emerging Nature SPD]. When taken together they combine to form the LCR NIA.</p> <p>11.35D Each NIA Focus Area has been mapped and is also supported by a detailed profile which can be used to guide use of the development management policies as well as the activities of other landowners, managers and other interests. Both the NIA Focus Area maps and profiles will be included within the Ecological Network evidence base.'</p> |
| PMM.38 | 11.50A | <p>Add a new paragraph:</p> <p>'11.50A Public open space in the Green Belt includes the canal and its towpaths, parks or outdoor sports sites, notably Fleetwood Road playground, Birkdale Common, Birkdale Cemetery and Liverpool Road Recreation Ground, Ainsdale, in Southport; Balls Wood Park, Leatherbarrow Lane, in Maghull; St Catherine's Abbey, Lydiate; and The Delph, Melling.</p> |
| PMM.39 | 11.52 | <p>Add a reference to 'Blundellsands Key Park and allotments' to the first sentence.</p> <p>Add 'or other' before 'club sites' at the end of the 2nd paragraph.</p> <p>Add the following to the end of the paragraph:</p> <p>'Other outdoor sports and recreation sites available to the public which are in the Green Belt and so not shown on the Policy Map include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blundell Lane and Birkdale allotments, Southport; Hoggs Hill Lane allotments in Formby; Queensway |

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| | | <p>allotments, Crosby; and Beach Road allotments in Bootle,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three outdoor sports sites on Sandy Lane, Hightown; the Northern Club, Chaffers Fields and Brook Vale playing fields in Crosby; and the Buckley Hill playing fields in Bootle, and • The Sefton Arms bowling green, Sefton Village. <p>The Moss Lane allotments, located close to Southport's eastern boundary, are also part of Sefton's leisure provision, but as they are in West Lancashire this Local Plan does not apply to them.'</p> |
| PMM.40 | Policy NH8 [part 1] | <p>Replace the 2nd sentence with: 'Mineral Safeguarding Areas have been defined for deposits of sub-alluvial sand and windblown silica sand. Within Mineral Safeguarding Areas mineral resources present on development sites will be expected to be extracted for beneficial use prior to development proceeding, unless special circumstances can be demonstrated that justify proceeding without prior extraction.'</p> |
| PMM.41 | Policy NH8 [part 2] | <p>Replace part two of the policy with:</p> <p>'Existing, planned and potential infrastructure supporting the aggregates industry will be safeguarded from inappropriate development. This includes the Port of Liverpool, strategic rail freight links, and sites for concrete batching, the manufacture of coated materials, other concrete products and the handling, processing and distribution of substitute, recycled and secondary aggregate material. Proposals for non-mineral related development that may threaten the functioning of safeguarded infrastructure or locations will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site or infrastructure is of no commercial interest, and is unlikely to be so in the future; or • There is an overriding case for development taking place and equivalent alternative infrastructure capacity exists which is able to meet continuing commercial needs.' |
| PMM.42 | Paragraph 11.63 | <p>Replace paragraph 11.63 with: 'Sefton Council participates actively in the NW Aggregates Working Party and subscribes to the national Managed Aggregate Supply System through market monitoring and production of an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. Whilst Sefton has defined Mineral Safeguarding Areas [MSAs], identified on the Policy Map, relating to identified sand resources, these are understood to be of limited scale and scope and not currently commercially viable or likely to become so in the future. However, the policy seeks to avoid sterilisation of aggregate resources through non-mineral development and to encourage mineral resources present on development sites to be extracted where it is sensible to do so. Safeguarding principles will also be applied to port, transport and other infrastructure important to the aggregate minerals market. The Port of Liverpool and Sefton's transport infrastructure facilitates the landing and transshipment of minerals, including aggregates</p> |

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| | | from marine and onshore sources. Policy NH8 provides for these facilities to be safeguarded in the interests of facilitating the continuing supply of minerals.' |
| PMM.43 | Policy NH10 | Amend the policy to ensure that it safeguards and enhances the setting of heritage assets in line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework as follows: The existing policy becomes part 1, and in (c) replace 'in' with 'affecting'. Introduce a new part 2 to the policy '2. Opportunities should be taken to enhance the significance of a listed building or its setting.' |
| PMM.44 | Policy NH12 part 1 | Amend part 1 of the policy to state: 'Development within a Registered Historic Park or Garden or affecting its setting will only be permitted where the development relates well to the elements which contribute to the historic park or garden, and is of high quality design, which conserves and enhances the special interest and function of the site.' |
| Modifications to the Policy Map (reference numbers refer to the Policy Map booklet) | | |
| PMM.45 | 8 | Amend the site boundary at site MN2.10 Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale |
| PMM.46 | 9 | Amend the boundary to site MN2.46 Land East of Maghull to remove the area required for the proposed slip road at junction 1 of the M58 from within site MN2.46. |
| PMM.47 | 10 | Show the Crosby Coast Park (policy ED5) to the Bootle and Crosby Policy Map |
| PMM.48 | 11 | Show Aintree Racecourse (policy ED5) on the Sefton East Policy Map |
| PMM.49 | 12 | Show Southport Seafront (policy ED8) on the Southport Policy Map |
| PMM.50 | 14 | Amend the boundary of the Southport Marine Lake (policy NH2) |
| PMM.51 | 15 | Amend the boundary of the Seaforth Nature Reserve (policy NH2) |
| PMM.52 | 16 | Amend the boundary of the Switch Island nature sites |
| PMM.53 | 17 | Remove the Nature Improvement Areas from all Policy Maps |
| PMM.54 | 18 | Amend the boundary of the open space at Kings Park, Seaforth (policy NH5) |
| PMM.55 | 19 | Amend the boundary of the open space at Freshfield Bowling Club, Formby (policy NH5) |
| PMM.56 | 20 | Amend the boundary of the open space at Sphynx Tennis Club, Southport (policy NH5) |
| PMM.57 | 21 | Amend the boundary of the open space at Churchtown Tennis Club, Southport (policy NH5) |
| PMM.58 | 22 | Amend the boundary of the open space at Broad Hey open space, Netherton (policy NH5) |
| PMM.59 | 23 | Amend the boundary of the open space at Marsh Lane Play Area, Bootle (policy NH5) |
| PMM.60 | 24 | The area of open space at Peel Road Park, Bootle (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map |
| PMM.61 | 25 | The area of open space at Parkdale Play Area, Bootle (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map |

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| PMM.62 | 26 | The area of open space at Lathom Gardens, Maghull (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map |
| PMM.63 | 27 | The area of open space at Church Green Pond Site, Formby (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map |
| PMM.64 | 28 | The area of open space at Brooklands Bowling Club, Crosby (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map |
| PMM.65 | 29 | The Crosby Coastal Park is proposed to be shown as a Countryside Recreation Area (policy NH5) |
| PMM.66 | 30 | Add the Mineral Safeguarding Area (policy NH8) to the Policy Map |

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