

MEETING: CABINET  
DATE: Thursday 10th March, 2016  
TIME: 10.00 am  
VENUE: Birkdale Room, Town Hall, Southport

**Member**

Councillor

Councillor Maher (Chair)  
Councillor Atkinson  
Councillor Cummins  
Councillor Fairclough  
Councillor Hardy  
Councillor John Joseph Kelly  
Councillor Lappin  
Councillor Moncur  
Councillor Veidman

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# A G E N D A

Items marked with an \* involve key decisions

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject/Author(s)</u>	<u>Wards Affected</u>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>		
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Members are requested to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, before leaving the meeting room during the discussion on that particular item.		
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2016		(Pages 5 - 10)
4.	<b>Public Petition</b> Note attached	Manor	(Pages 11 - 12)
5.	<b>Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing People</b> Report of the Director of Social Care and Health	All Wards	(Pages 13 - 20)
* 6.	<b>Approval of the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement for 2016-17</b> Report of the Head of Schools and Families	All Wards	(Pages 21 - 36)
* 7.	<b>Procurement of the provision of Outreach Support for Children and Young People with a diagnosis of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder</b> Report of the Head of Schools and Families	All Wards	(Pages 37 - 42)
* 8.	<b>Liverpool City Region Combined Authority - Ways to Work ESF Project Grant Approval</b> Report of the Head of Inward Investment and Employment	All Wards	(Pages 43 - 48)

* 9.	<b>Liverpool City Region Integrated Business Support Project Grant Approval</b> Report of the Head of Inward Investment and Employment	All Wards	(Pages 49 - 54)
* 10.	<b>Hired Passenger Transport Framework Contract 2013/15 - Extension</b> Report of the Head of Locality Services - Commissioned	All Wards	(Pages 55 - 58)
* 11.	<b>Adoption of House Extensions and New Housing Supplementary Planning Documents</b> Report of the Chief Executive	All Wards	(Pages 59 - 64)
* 12.	<b>Sefton Local Plan - Proposed Modifications</b> Report of the Chief Executive	All Wards	(Pages 65 - 130)

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## **CABINET**

### **MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Maher (in the Chair)  
Councillors Atkinson, Cummins, Fairclough,  
John Joseph Kelly, Lappin, Moncur and Veidman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors McGuire and Weavers

#### **102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hardy.

#### **103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

#### **104. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **Decision Made:**

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **105. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2016/17**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided details of the proposed procedures and strategy to be adopted in respect of the Council's Treasury Management Function in 2016/17.

##### **Decision Made:**

That the Council be recommended to give approval to:

- (1) the Treasury Management Policy Document for 2016/17 as set out in Annex A of the report;
- (2) the Treasury Management Strategy Document for 2016/17 as set out in Annex B of the report; and
- (3) the basis to be used in the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment in 2015/16 as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report.

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## **Reasons for Decision:**

To enable the Council to effectively manage its treasury activities.

## **Alternative Options considered and Rejected:**

None.

## **106. THE PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES - PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer on proposals to establish the Prudential Indicators required under the Prudential Code of Capital Finance in Local Authorities. This would enable the Council to effectively manage its Capital Finance Activities and comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Prudential Code of Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

## **Decision Made:**

That the Council be recommended to:

- (1) approve the Prudential Indicators as detailed in the report, and summarised in Annex A of the report, as the basis for compliance with The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- (2) give approval to the relevant Prudential Indicators being amended, should any changes to unsupported borrowing be approved as part of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget;
- (3) note that estimates of capital expenditure may change as grant allocations are received, as indicated in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and
- (4) grant delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer to manage the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

## **Reasons for Decision:**

To enable the Council to effectively manage its Capital Financing activities, and comply with the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

## **107. REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 UPDATE**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided details of the progress in the achievement of the approved savings for 2015/16 (and any residual savings carried forward from 2014/15); other financial risks elsewhere in the budget; the current forecast on Council Tax and Business Rates collection; the proposed schemes of improvements to the Bootle War Memorial, and Thornton Garden of Rest Crematorium; and the proposed use of resources from the Contamination Clearance Reserve to undertake coast protection works between Hall Road and Alt Training Bank.

### **Decision Made:** That

- (1) the progress to date on the achievement of approved savings for 2015/16 and residual savings carried forward from previous years be noted;
- (2) the wider financial pressures being experienced in the remainder of the Budget be noted;
- (3) the forecast position on the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates be noted;
- (4) approval be given to the works to improve the Bootle War Memorial, as outlined in paragraph 7 of the report, and the inclusion of £0.118m in the Capital Programme;
- (5) approval be given to the works to improve the Thornton Garden of Rest Crematorium as outlined in paragraph 8 of the report, and the inclusion of £1.3m in the Capital Programme; and
- (6) approval be given to the use of the Contamination Clearance Reserve to undertake coast protection works between Hall Road and Alt Training Bank, as outlined in paragraph 9 of the report, and the inclusion of £0.050m in the Capital Programme.

### **Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure Cabinet are informed of the latest position on the achievement of savings for the current financial year and to identify wider budget pressures being experienced elsewhere in the budget. To provide an update on the forecast outturn position on the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates; and to include additional schemes financed from grant, prudential borrowing, contributions and reserves into the Capital Programme.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

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## **108. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REQUIREMENTS - ROBUSTNESS REPORT**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided an assessment of the robustness of the estimates and the tax setting calculations, the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves and the production of longer term revenue and capital plans, based on the proposals set out in the report on the Revenue Budget 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 (Minute No. 109 below refers).

### **Decision Made:**

That the Council be requested to note the matters raised in the report during the determination of the Revenue Budget 2016/17.

### **Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure that the Council consider the report in making their budget decisions.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

## **109. REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17 (AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/18 - 2019/20)**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided details of the decisions taken by the Cabinet on 14 January 2016 (Minute No. 88) to arrive at a balanced budget for 2016/17; a summary of the draft budget for 2016/17; a summary of the budget changes included in the draft budget; recommendations on the allocation of specific grants; and an update on the funding of schools agreed by the Schools' Forum.

The report indicated that on 5 March 2015, the Council had agreed a two year financial plan for the period 2015/16 to 2016/17 and that the service changes required to achieve the plan had largely been put in place but the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Local Government Finance Settlement announced by the Government had resulted in a significant increase in the Council's budget gap for 2016/17, as well as introducing further savings targets for the three years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

The Cabinet had agreed on 14 January 2016 that officers should prepare a single updated Medium Term Financial Plan to cover the period 2017/18 to 2019/20.



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The following appendices were appended to the report:

- Appendix 1 – List of Budget Proposals for 2016/17
- Appendix 2 – Individual School Budgets 2016/17
- Appendix 3 – Draft Council Budgets 2016/17
- Appendix 4 – Fees and Charges 2016/17

The Chief Finance Officer circulated a supplementary note setting out amendments to the charges for Locality Services Commissioned, Regulation and Compliance, and Communities set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

**Decision Made:** That

- (1) the changes to the Council resource following the announcement of the final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17 be noted;
- (2) the Council be recommended to approve the budget adjustments required as a result of the Final Settlement, set out in Paragraph 3.5 of the report;
- (3) the Council be recommended to approve a Council Tax increase of 1.99% and a Social Care Council Tax Precept of 2%, as set out in Paragraph 6.1 of the report; and
- (4) approval be given to the Fees and Charges for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 4 of the report and amended by the supplementary note.

**Reasons for Decision:**

To provide the basis on which the Council's Budget for 2016/17 will be balanced and the Council Tax is set.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None. The Council has a legal duty to set a balanced and robust budget and to set the Council Tax for 2016/17 before 10 March 2016.

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### PUBLIC PETITION

In accordance with the provisions set out in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution, one public petition has been submitted for consideration at the Cabinet meeting.

The lead petitioner will be given five minutes to present the petition at the Cabinet meeting.

#### **Details of Petition**

The petition containing 181 signatures states:

LITTLE CROSBY RESIDENTS PETITION

TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20MPH THROUGH OUR VILLAGE UP TO  
ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

UPGRADE THE SPEED BUMPS

The residents of Little Crosby Village wish to protest against the speed in which vehicles travel through our village. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

We request the lowering of the speed limit to 20MPH through the village, up to St Mary's Primary School, as exists in the majority of Crosby's roads.

The existing speed bumps are worn and ineffective and need to be raised to facilitate this change or another effective deterrent introduced.

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# Agenda Item 5

**Report to:** Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 10 March 2016

**Subject:** Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) & Missing Children **Wards Affected:** All Wards

**Report of:** Director of Social Care and Health

**Is this a Key Decision?** No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

**Exempt/Confidential** No

## Purpose/Summary

The report informs Members of the work agencies have undertaken to safeguard children from child sexual exploitation and children who have been reported as missing from home / care / education.

## Recommendation(s)

To note the work taking place in Sefton regarding Child Sexual Exploitation and safeguarding children who have been reported as missing from home / care / education.

## How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	x		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	x		
3	Environmental Sustainability		x	
4	Health and Well-Being	x		
5	Children and Young People	x		
6	Creating Safe Communities	x		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	x		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		x	

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

To ensure Cabinet members are aware of the partnership activity undertaken to safeguard children from child sexual exploitation in Sefton and when they have been reported as missing, in respect of their duties under the Children Act 1989 the general duty of every local authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need.

## Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

N/A

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

N/A

### (B) Capital Costs

N/A

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>		
<b>Legal</b>		
<b>Human Resources</b>		
<b>Equality</b>		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:**

N/A

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Chief Finance Officer (FD.4034/16) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD.3317/16) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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**Background Papers:**

None

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 CSE referrals continue to be sent by agencies to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). During Q1 (2015-16) Sefton MASH received 61 CSE referrals. During Q2 77 CSE referrals, regarding 51 children and young people, were received by the MASH. During Quarter 3 (2015-16) 70 CSE referrals, regarding 57 children, were received by the MASH; some children had more than one referral made about them by different agencies. The procedure undertaken to ascertain if the child referred is considered to be at risk of CSE, or a victim of CSE has been explained in previous Cabinet reports. The CSE referral rate is not reflective of the number of children at risk of CSE in Sefton, but does evidence the partnerships commitment to identifying any potential CSE risks at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.2 All children referred due to potential concerns about CSE are analysed to see if they have previously been reported missing. The data below outlines those reported re: CSE concerns during Quarter 3.

No reported Missing Episode(s)	25
Reported Missing Episode(s) Sefton child	34
Reported Missing Episode(s) (child placed in Sefton by another local authority)	11
Total	70

- 1.3 As at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015 17 children were subject of a Multi-Agency CSE (MACSE) Plan to safeguard them from being sexually exploited. The MACSE Panel ensures that children who are at risk of CSE, and those who are victims of CSE, have a multi-agency plan to safeguard them and disrupt and prosecute offenders.

## 2. Work undertaken by agencies to safeguard children and young people from CSE

- 2.1 Commissioning Contracts are being reviewed to put clauses in place to ensure commissioned providers working with children are aware of the CSE Pathway, how to make a CSE referral, attend CSE training, attend Multi-Agency CSE meetings and provide information and evidence to inform Police investigations: for example the Liverpool Community Health (LCH) novated contract has had the additional CSE clauses integrated.
- 2.2 Additional training has been undertaken with Pharmacists to ensure they can spot signs of potential sexual exploitation. The CSE referral form has been uploaded onto Pharmacists' electronic systems so the referral pathway is easily accessible to them when any potential concerns arise.
- 2.3 Referrals continue to be made to the Police Crime Commissioner funded voluntary organisation Catch 22. Catch 22 undertake 1:1 work with children to raise their awareness of child sexual exploitation and group work regarding internet safety



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with children in school, and alternative curriculum educational settings. RASA (Rape and Sexual Assault Service) have also undertaken sessions within schools to develop young people's understanding of healthy relationships and signs of when a child may be sexually exploited.

- 2.4 A review has been undertaken of who undertakes the 'Responsible Authority' function in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 in the capacity as "the body responsible for the protection of children from harm". The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) agreed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2015 that this responsibility should move from the LSCB to the Safeguarding Children Unit, to ensure intelligence from CSE referrals, children being reported as missing and information about children's homes informs Licensing decisions. This proposal has since been made to the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership (21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016) who has also agreed this proposition.
- 2.5 The Local Safeguarding Children Board CSE Pathway has been updated to include discussions between the Co-Chairs of the Multi Agency CSE Panel and the Licensing CSE Single Point of Contact if a licensed property or individual has been raised as a potential concern.
- 2.6 Sefton Service Manager for Safeguarding has been requested by Pan Merseyside CSE GOLD Group to facilitate Pan Merseyside CSE Development Meetings on a quarterly basis. Elements of the Sefton CSE partnership Pathways are now in process of being implemented across Merseyside, so as to develop a common set of principles when working with a child considered at risk of CSE; for example MACSE Panel plan documents and Police and Safeguarding Children MACSE Co-Chair arrangements. Two Pan Merseyside CSE Development sessions have taken place to date and the Pan Merseyside CSE Protocol is in the process of being updated as a result.
- 2.7 Sefton Safeguarding Manager has proposed that a Pan Merseyside CSE Transfer Procedure is implemented when a child who is subject of a multi-agency CSE Plan moves from one area to another, to ensure that all information known in the original area is effectively and timely communicated to the area to which the child has moved. This has been agreed and has been implemented when a child who has been subject of a MACSE Plan in Sefton has moved to another area. There is also evidence of this being undertaken by other local authorities. This proposal was raised by Sefton at an Association of Directors Services (ADCS) Sexual Exploitation of Vulnerable People Workshop in Dec 2015 and many other local authorities requested this proposal so as to assist them to develop this within their areas.
- 2.8 Sefton LSCB CSE Protocol has been updated to evidence the developments undertaken regarding Sefton CSE Partnership Pathway and has been ratified by LSCB in Dec 2015. The revised Procedure is available on the LSCB website <http://www.seftonlscb.co.uk/media/10343/Section-16-CSE-Procedure-Dec-2015.pdf> and the Statutory guidance on children who run away or go missing from home or care 2014 can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-who-run-away-or-go-missing-from-home-or-care>

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## 3. Work to safeguard children who have been reported as missing from home or care

- 3.1 Going missing is a dangerous activity. A child or young person who goes missing just once faces the same immediate risks as those faced by a child or young person who regularly goes missing. However, children who go missing when they are young, and/or more frequently are more likely to face longer-term problems.
- 3.2 A Multi-agency strategy has been agreed to provide a joined up response to children and young people who are missing or have gone missing from home and care this is monitored by the LSCB via its CSE sub group. The definition is:

- **missing:** anyone whose whereabouts cannot be established and where the circumstances are out of character, or the context suggests the person may be subject of crime or at risk of harm to themselves or another; and
- **absent:** a person not at a place where they are expected or required to be.

NB the details in this report do not include School non-attendance. SMBC has agreed an attendance strategy with its partners which have separately been reported to Cabinet.

The LSCB Missing Procedure is clear that with regard to children who are 'looked after' a child may not be 'missing' and may be deemed to be 'absent' but they may still be placing themselves at risk because of where they are. For example, they may choose to stay at the house of friends where the carer has concerns about the risk of child sexual exploitation or misusing substances, or, they may be staying with family members from whose care they have previously been removed, or have made contact as an adopted child with their birth family. If a child is 'absent from their placement' and their whereabouts are of concern, discussions take place with agencies involved in the child's Care Plan, via a Care Planning Meeting, Looked After Child Review Meeting, or a Strategy Meeting if there are safeguarding concerns, to analyse risks associated with a child being 'absent' and their location is known but there are still risks involved.

Children who have been missing for more than 72 hours, or, 3 occasions within a 30 day period should be discussed at a Strategy Meeting. A performance management framework is under development to analyse if this is consistently undertaken. The Police analyse the children who are Top 10 missing and the Children's Homes from which children predominantly go missing. These individuals and Children's Homes are discussed at Police operational briefing meetings. Intelligence regarding where children have been found, or they have stated where they have been when missing is communicated and recorded on the children's police missing people's records. If there are ongoing concerns a visit is undertaken to the children's home by a Senior Police Officer or a Neighbourhood Inspector to discuss risk assessment and action plan.

- 3.3 All missing episodes are reported to the police either directly by parents/carers or by other professionals supporting their care. The MASH receive a notification directly from the Police reporting system. Once a notification has been received research re previous incidents, school attendance and reason for missing episode

is undertaken and the Lead Practitioner/Social Worker is contacted, details of the current episode are also shared at this point. Once completed a copy of the return interview notes is shared with the Lead Practitioner/Social Worker and Merseyside Police to support any investigation and review of the child's plan.

As part of the preparation for the return interview the child's education attendance and programme is checked. The school will be informed and the child's attendance will be monitored closely.

- 3.4 In Quarter three (October to December 2015) 120 children went missing, which accounted for 236 episodes in total, two thirds of the children have only one missing episode within this period. Of the 41 children who went missing more than once 13 were placed here from other areas. 46% were missing for less than 24hrs and a further 50% returned home in less than 48hrs and 95% of the children returned home of their own accord.
- 3.5 61% of the children took up the offer of a return interview to discuss their reasons for going missing. The main reasons given for going missing were:
- Returning to their home area and the risks which other Local authorities had sought to protect them from by placing them out of the area
  - Placements not feeling like home
  - Unrealistic expectations eg time to return home
  - Unclear boundaries and expectations
  - Adults and children not listening/understanding each other leading to arguments and then missing episodes
  - Not enjoying school leading to truanting – a number of missing episodes were linked to shopping in Liverpool One, mostly still wearing school uniforms.
- 3.6 There was some evidence from Children's Social Care Audit of young people who have reduced their missing episodes as a result of the interventions provided by multi-agency partnership.

*"Young person has been assisted to reduce risk taking behaviour and risk of CSE is very much reduced, this is closely linked to the fact that she has ceased to go missing, with no missing episodes for 6 months. Young person is more emotionally stable and has productive relationships with professionals"* (Auditor, Nov 15 Audit)

*"The child has had a lot of support in place to help him to improve his outcomes. He has remained in school and has future aspirations for education and career. The child has reduced his risk taking behaviour. He attends the gym and is currently attending a course which he enjoys. The child maintains close links with his family and his culture and identity are promoted. There has been a limited missing period during the time he has been in care and he appears to work well with agencies".* (Auditor, Nov 15)

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## 4. Future planned developments

4.1 Three large scale events are planned to take place during Quarter 4, to further raise awareness of CSE and ensure the workforce, including hotel, Bed & Breakfast owners and Leisure Centre staff and the local community are aware of how they can raise any potential concern and what the multi-agency response is to safeguard children. These will be delivered by the Co-Chairs of Sefton Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Panel (MACSE), Service Manager Safeguarding Children and Detective Inspector for the Vulnerable Persons Unit, Merseyside Police and Catch 22, the Police Crime commissioned voluntary service who works with children at risk of CSE. Events took place and are taking place on the following dates:

- 4<sup>th</sup> February 1-3pm Professional Development Centre, Ainsdale
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 1-3pm Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 1-3pm Southport Town Hall

4.2 Members of Sefton Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation are due to present evidence of their partnership work at the National Working Group CSE Conference on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This opportunity will be used to discuss the links made between Sefton's Procedures regarding CSE, Missing Children, Children's Home of Concern, Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and notifications of 'looked after' children being placed by other local authorities, to inform other national areas of partnership working developments. The Pan Merseyside CSE Transfer Procedure, regarding children subject of a multi-agency CSE Plan moving from one area to another, will also be highlighted at this event, to ascertain if this can be supported by the CSE National Working Group (NWG).

4.3 Further work will be undertaken with the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) to develop the national CSE Transfer Protocol becoming implemented nationally and request that this become a Statutory Responsibility.

4.4 The Director of Children's Social Care has requested an audit of missing interviews to analyse whether there are any patterns or themes emerging from the information which may assist in further protecting children and making changes to systems.

## 5. Conclusion

5.1 As a result of the work outlined within this report the number of CSE referrals may increase over time, but this referral rate evidences that agencies in Sefton are committed to ensuring that any possible sign of CSE is further analysed at the very earliest opportunity, to ensure we can identify when a child is at risk, or is a victim of CSE, and timely and effectively protect them via a multi-agency response as well as prosecuting offenders.

# Agenda Item 6

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Subject:** Approval of Post 16 SEN Transport Policy Statement for 2016-17

**Report of:** Head of Schools and Families

**Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**  
Yes

**Exempt/Confidential** No

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## **Purpose/Summary**

To consider the outcome of the consultation process on the draft proposal and to approve the Post 16 SEN Transport Policy Statement for 2016-17.

## **Recommendation(s)**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Take into consideration the outcome of the consultation process on Post 16 Transport Policy Statement for 2016-17 and proposed amendments to the consultation draft.
- 2) Approve the attached Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2016/17,
- 3) Note the statutory requirement to publish a Post 16 Transport Policy Statement annually and delegate approval to the relevant Cabinet Member to agree minor updates

## **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
3	Environmental Sustainability	√		
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People	√		
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

Cabinet needs to agree changes to the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement.

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

**(A) Revenue Costs:** The total budget for Post 16 (including children with special needs and those without) transport is £187,450 and the costs at Outturn 2014/15 were £568,375 (a variation of £380,925 over budget). These costs are for 116 students and do not however include the costs for 30 students who attend Special school 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision. This is because most of these pupils share transport with pre-16 pupils and the costs have not been disaggregated from other pupils with special needs attending special schools within the Transport system.

The cost of Travel Training is estimated at £50,000 per year. There is ongoing work being carried out to establish the best model of delivery and it is anticipated that these costs will be contained within existing budgets as there will be a reduction in costs for SEN pupils who are capable of receiving travel training.

**(B) Capital Costs**      **N/A**

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

### Legal –

Education Act 1996

Department for education Post-16 transport to education and training statutory guidance, February 2014

Education and Skills Act 2008

Equality Act 2010

**Human Resources-** Changes to provision may impact on the Strategic Transport Unit.

### Equality

- |    |  |                                     |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | No Equality Implication                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. | Equality Implications identified and mitigated   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Equality Implication identified and risk remains | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## Impact on Service Delivery:

N/A

## **What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted and would comment that there are no identified savings associated with this report. It is however hoped that by adopting these policies the overspend against the existing Specialised Transport budgets may be reduced, the extent to which is unknown at present. (FD 4033/16)

Head of Regulation & Compliance has been consulted and comments have been incorporated into the report (LD 3316/16)

## **Are there any other options available for consideration?**

It is a statutory requirement to publish a Post 16 Transport Policy Statement and any significant changes would require further consultation.

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

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## **Background Papers:**

None.

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## 1. **Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 5th November, Cabinet received the outcome of the broad consultation on Post 16 SEN Transport and approved a draft Post 16 SEN Transport Policy Statement for 2016-17 for specific consultation. Officers were asked to report back on the outcome of the consultation process in time for the Post 16 SEN Transport Policy Statement to be published on the Council's website in accordance with statutory requirements for operation from September 2016.
- 1.2 This report covers the outcome of the consultation draft Post 16 SEN Transport Policy Statement for 2016-17 and seeks approval to the version.

## 2. **Consultation Process**

- 2.1 The consultation plan was presented to the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel on 11th December.
- 2.2 Council had given a commitment to the parent's group which submitted a petition to Full Council last year that we would continue to engage with them. Officers held a meeting prior to Christmas with the group who provided helpful comments and advised on the timescale for the consultation.
- 2.3 The council, in line with its duty to consult on its Post-16 Transport Policy, launched a formal consultation from the 4th January 2016 to the 12th February 2016.
- 2.4 Letters about the consultation process were sent to all relevant parents/carers/students, Sefton secondary schools, colleges, and other key stakeholders. A dedicated webpage was established on the council's website, which enabled people to access the draft policy, an easy read version of the policy, electronic copies of the consultation letters, other relevant background documentation, and an e-form to assist them with their response.
- 2.5 In total, the council received 23 e-forms, mainly from parents/carers but responses were also received from Southport and Hugh Baird Colleges. The key issues raised were as follows:
- 2.6 A fundamental concern about the line within the draft policy that "if a student has a mobility car then they will generally be expected to make their own travel arrangements and would not be able to access support from the council.". This concern was raised in the majority of responses. Parents felt this was grossly unfair and would have a significant impact on family life. It does not take into account the fact that parents and carers may work or have children in other schools or live long distances from their special school. It also counteracts against independent travel ie those students currently using a bus and benefiting from the independent experience. Many parents/carers contacted the Council and required further clarification on this policy wording. This issue was also raised in the parent group meeting officers held.
- 2.7 Independent travel is considered a positive step and should be encouraged, but it is vital that each student is assessed appropriately. There needs to be clear



recognition that some students will never be able to travel independently, regardless of any travel training.

- 2.8 The FE Colleges asked for further information on the assessment for students who do not have an EHCP and this has been provided.

### **3. Proposed amendment to the consultation draft policy**

- 3.1 As members will be aware the consultation draft policy statement was prepared following a detailed consultation exercise and incorporated the outcome of that process and the commitments which had been given following discussion at Full Council last year.
- 3.2 Overview and Scrutiny (Children's Services and Safeguarding at their meeting on 22 September 2015 considered a presentation by the Head of Schools and Families in response to the Committee's wish to pre-scrutinise the issue of the review of post-16 Special Educational Needs Transport and supported the principles incorporated into the consultation draft.
- 3.3 Because the support for post 16 students goes up to the age of 25 the part of the draft policy which states that "If a student has a mobility car then they will generally be expected to make their own travel arrangements and would not be able to access support from the Council" refers to students who own and drive the car themselves. Given the confusion this wording has caused and the fact that it may not apply to any students it is recommended that this sentence be removed from the final policy.

### **4. Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 Equalities advice is that the draft policy proposed would not have any equalities impact as every student would be being treated in the same way and students with SEND the charge would have their individual needs assessed.
- 4.2 Officers have been advised of up to date rulings from the Supreme Court regarding consultation and the need to be open and transparent during consultation.

### **5. Statutory Requirement**

- 5.1 The Department for education published updated guidance entitled [Post-16 transport to education and training - Statutory guidance for local authorities](#), in February 2014 which replaced the previous statutory guidance from June 2010.
- 5.2 Every Local Authority in England has a duty to prepare and publish an annual Transport Policy Statement which complies with the requirements of section 509 of the Education Act 1996 regarding adequate provision of transport to facilitate the attendance of learners of sixth form age (and young persons up to 25 years old who have a learning difficulty and/or a disability, who are entering or continuing in further education and learning).
- 5.3 The duty applies to all local authorities in England in respect of arrangements for young people (over compulsory school age) aged 16-18 and those continuing learners who started their programme of learning before their 19th birthday.

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- 5.4 The legislation recognises that a local response to transport arrangements is important in enabling young people's participation in education and training. A local approach allows local circumstances to be taken into account. The legislation therefore gives local authorities the discretion to determine what transport and financial support are necessary to facilitate young people's attendance. The local authority must exercise its power to provide transport or financial support reasonably, taking into account all relevant matters. A failure to make arrangements would amount to a failure to meet the duty.
- 5.5 Guidance states that the planning of transport provision at a local level should take into account the requirement under the Education and Skills Act 2008, for young people to stay in education or training until their 18th birthday (with effect from June 2015). To support the raising of the participation age local authorities have responsibility for promoting the effective participation in education and training of young people who are subject to the duty to participate. Under the September Guarantee, every young person aged 16 or 17 must be offered a suitable place in education or training.
- 5.6 The transport policy statement must detail the transport arrangements and financial assistance with transport that the local authority considers it necessary to make to ensure access to education or training for learners of sixth form age (and young persons up to 25 years old who have a learning difficulty and/or a disability, who are entering or continuing in further education and learning)

## 6. **Proposal**

- 6.1 The Post 16 transport policy statement must be published by the local authority by 31st May each year for implementation the following September. The transport policy statement should be available on the local authority's own website by 31 May. Local authorities are also responsible for ensuring that a link is made to the GOV.UK website which is the main source of government web based information for the general public.
- 6.2 The Post 16 Transport policy statement attached, incorporates the proposed change following the consultation, and includes:
- Transport support available for post 16 students, financial support and funding, available transport options, support from colleges and government advice and information.
  - Merseytravel tickets, concessions, travel passes, journey planning advice and support. Local bus companies and Merseyrail information.
  - Journey planning and independent travel training support
  - Promoting independent travel
  - Free specialist transport for students with SEN who live in Sefton at special schools and colleges attending their nearest appropriate setting
  - Assessments for students with SEN who live in Sefton at mainstream colleges attending their nearest appropriate setting with free transport for those who meet the requirements.

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- 6.3 The policy statement details the support which is available for post 16 students in terms of financial support through the colleges and bursary funding, available public transport and support with journey planning, and support for learners with SEND.
- 6.4 The support for learners with SEND has been developed following the consultation to date and takes into account the feedback from the consultation process. The policy supports increasing independence for students who are capable of using public transport and provides for independent travel training to facilitate this.
- 6.5 The new policy will not affect students who currently receive transport under existing arrangements whilst they finish the course of study they are enrolled on.
- 6.6 The new policy does not differ significantly from the existing policy. The text has been updated to take into account current statutory requirements around SEND and the latest available advice and guidance around bursary funding, travel planning and other support available for post 16 students. The Council only provide direct support for students with SEND. The policy has been brought into line with the policy for pre-16 pupils so transport will be to the nearest appropriate setting and students with SEND will be assessed individually in line with best practice. The option for parents to have a personal budget for students who are assessed as eligible for support is given more profile and transport, where provided directly, will continue to be free of charge.

## 7. **Next Steps**

- 7.1 Subject to Cabinet approval the final version of the Post 16 Transport Policy statement will be published on the Council's website on or before the 31 May as required by statutory guidance and will be applied from September 2016.

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## **Sefton Council Post 16 Transport Policy Statement**

**For Learners aged 16-19 and 16-25 for students with learning difficulties or disabilities**

**(Academic year 2016/17)**

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## 1. Introduction.

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to prepare and publish an annual Transport Policy Statement which complies with the requirements of section 509 of the Education Act 1996 regarding adequate provision of transport to facilitate the attendance of learners of sixth form age.

The Transport Policy Statement describes the transport support available to young people aged 16-19 years old, and young persons up to 25 years old who have a learning difficulty and/or a disability, who are entering or continuing in further education and learning.

Sefton Council is committed to:

- Ensuring that learners of sixth form age (and for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities aged 19-24) are able to access appropriate high quality education and training; and
- Providing support to those young people who need it most and removing transport as a barrier to participation in learning.

For local authorities in England, provision of transport/travel assistance for learners of sixth form age is not a statutory requirement and it is up to the local authority to decide what arrangements it considers necessary. Raising of the Participation Age has not created any new entitlement to post-16 transport

## 2. Details of Support Available for Post 16 Students

Sefton Council do not generally provide transport or support with transport for Post 16 students as it is expected that Post 16 students who need it will receive support through their college, employer, training provider or bursary funding. Student with SEND may be eligible for support with transport arrangements as detailed in the policy below. Current details of support through colleges and discretionary fares/travel passes available in the region can be found via the links given in this policy,

### Government Funded 16-19 Bursary Scheme

The 16-19 Bursary Scheme provides financial support for learners aged 16-19 to access education or training. From 2013-14 the scheme will provide two types of funding, discretionary funding and funding for vulnerable students.

Schools and colleges are responsible for awarding bursaries and verifying eligibility of students. Institutions are free to determine the assessment criteria for eligibility for discretionary bursaries and the amount paid. They can also apply to the Learner Support Service for additional funding for vulnerable students.

Vulnerable students, such as those in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit and disabled students in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, or Personal Independence Payments are eligible for a bursary of £1,200 for a full

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academic year. This amount may be reduced pro-rata for courses of less than a full academic year (less than 30 weeks) at the discretion of the school or college.

Details of the bursary scheme are available on the Directgov website at: [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund)

Further information can be obtained directly from the student's school or college on how to apply for a bursary.

## Young Parents

The Care to Learn (C2L) scheme can help young parents with childcare and travel costs for learners while they study. To qualify a student must be aged under 20 at the start of their course.

The scheme is available for [publicly-funded courses](#) in England. This includes courses in:

- schools
- 6th forms in schools
- 6th form colleges

Learning providers should support young people to apply for C2L – further details are available at [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)

## Schools and Colleges

The websites of many schools and colleges provide comprehensive information on the transport assistance provided by the educational settings. Appendix 1 outlines the support available from the principal Post 16 providers in Sefton. Students are advised to contact the institution directly for more detailed information as transport plans may be subject to change.

## Government Information

The latest information from central government can be found at GOV.UK: see [www.gov.uk/subsidised-college-transport-16-19](http://www.gov.uk/subsidised-college-transport-16-19).

## Merseytravel

Merseytravel offer a range of concessionary passes and pre-paid tickets. A range of Term Time Tickets are available for young people and adults in full time education or work based learning who do not receive another allowance that covers the cost of travel. Trio tickets can be used on buses, trains and ferries, Solo tickets are for bus travel only and Railpass tickets are for train travel. The cost depends on the area that they cover and the age of the student.

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The tickets are also available to be purchased on a weekly, monthly or annual basis. Students who reach their 18th birthday during a term are required to purchase an adult ticket for the whole of that term.

Merseytravel offers free travel to Merseyside residents with certain disabilities on buses, trains and Mersey Ferries. The disabilities include those who:

- Are registered blind or partially sighted
- Are registered profoundly or severely deaf
- Are without speech
- Have a disability or suffered an injury which has a substantial effect on ability to walk.
- Do not have arms or use of arms
- Have a learning disability
- Would be refused a license to drive a motor vehicle because of epilepsy, severe medical disorder, sudden attacks of dizziness or fainting or diagnosed dementia conditions
- Severe mental health issues

Students are advised to seek advice for the most appropriate ticket from any Merseytravel Centre or to telephone Merseytravel Hub Support on 0151 236 6056. Further information can be found on the Merseytravel website:

[www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)

## Arriva

Arriva offer a range of student passes, both annual and termly, for use on Arriva buses in the North West Area, valid throughout Cheshire, Halton, Lancashire, Merseyside and Manchester.

Further information can be found on the Arriva website:

[www.arrivabus.co.uk/student-saver-tickets-in-north-west/](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/student-saver-tickets-in-north-west/)

## Avon Buses

Avon Buses operate a small number of commercial services in the Liverpool area. For more information they can be contacted by telephone: 0151 6088000

## Rail Services

The 16-25 Railcard offers one third discount for those aged 16-25 and students on a range of journeys. For the best offers students should check with operators what choices are available for their journey at the time they want to travel. Information on Student Railcards can be obtained via the Railcard website at: [www.railcard.co.uk](http://www.railcard.co.uk).

Additional information on rail fares and services can be obtained through National Railcards: 08448 714036.

## Journey Planning

There is a wide range of support available to plan a journey to college, 6<sup>th</sup> Form or training venue.

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[The Sefton Travel App](#) has been developed to improve access to education and employment opportunities by public transport, walking and cycling and is available free for iOS and android devices.



The app enables student to:

- Journey Plan – find the best door to door route for journeys now or later, from your current location or anywhere else you choose. Compare options for public transport, walking and cycling routes
- Share Location – never get lost again using GPS to find your location on a map, and share via text/email or plan a journey from where you are
- Voice Alerts – follow each step of the journey in real time, with voice alerts at each new stage to keep you on track
- My Places – save favourite locations and places for quicker journey planning on the move
- Step Counter – Set daily targets and record how many steps you have walked today, last week and in total, including calories burned and distance in miles
- Playlist Generator – produces a custom playlist for your journey
- Facilities – Get information and find out how to get to key facilities in Sefton such as schools.

The [Merseytravel](#) website includes the latest information on travel updates or alerts and students can plan their journeys using the journey planner:  
[http://jp.merseytravel.gov.uk/nwm/XSLT\\_TRIP\\_REQUEST2?language=en](http://jp.merseytravel.gov.uk/nwm/XSLT_TRIP_REQUEST2?language=en)

## Schools and Colleges

The Council will work collaboratively with education institutions to organise support at college Open Days/Evenings, Enrolment and other school/college and careers events to provide advice on travel arrangements and options for Post 16 students.

Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Forms will assist students in planning their journeys including developing Personal Journey Plans providing step by step by step information for a particular journey including maps, relevant bus/train timetables and any other information as needed and practical journey assistance where additional support to access public transport, walking or cycling may be required

Contact details for 6<sup>th</sup> forms and Colleges can be found in Annex A.

[Students who are vulnerable to becoming Not in Education Employment or Training \(NEET\)](#)



Young people who are vulnerable to becoming not in education, employment or training (NEET) at the age of 16 or 17 or who have already become NEET should discuss transport problems with their Connexions Advisor who can provide advice and guidance on transport support which is available.

## **4. Support for Learners with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities**

The Council has a duty to encourage, enable and assist participation of all young people with special educational needs difficulties and/or disabilities (SEND). However, there is no automatic entitlement to free home to school transport for students over 16 at the beginning of the academic year (1 September).

Students who attend mainstream FE Colleges or 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision will generally be expected to be able to use public transport. This is considered to be an essential life skill, although we understand that it may be very daunting for some students, therefore, in order to prepare students for moving on to Further Education their Education Health and Care Plan will identify this as an outcome where appropriate. Section 4 provides more detail about Independent Travel Training. For the few students who will need some additional support an individual assessment of their needs will be undertaken. For students when assessed who cannot access public transport the Local Authority will make transport support available free of charge or offer a personal budget to enable the family to make their own transport arrangements. Provision of a transport support will be subject to meeting the eligibility criteria (see below).

Students up to the age of 19 with SEND on full time courses may be eligible for bursary funding of £1,200 if they are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit and disabled students in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, or Personal Independence Payments. This amount may be reduced pro-rata for part time courses and courses less than 30 weeks. Details of the bursary scheme are available on the Directgov website at: [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund)

For Students attending specialist FE provision or with severe physical or learning difficulties, identified through their Education, Health and Care Plan, who cannot access public transport the Local Authority will make transport support available free of charge or offer a personal budget to enable the family to make their own transport arrangements. Provision of a transport support will be subject to meeting the eligibility criteria (see below).

### **Eligibility criteria for discretionary travel support**

Eligibility criteria for provision of a discretionary transport support are:

- Resident in Sefton
- Must be over 16 and under 24 at the start of the academic year
- Attend a course of at least 30 weeks per year

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- Must have an Education, Health and Care Plan/Learning Difficulty Assessment or individual assessment identifying the need for specialist transport.
- Must be attending the school, FE College or institution nearest to their home address which can meet their needs.

## 4. Independent Travel Training

Sefton Independent Travel Training (ITT) aims to give students with SEND the key skills and confidence to travel independently using public transport to and from school or college.

The aims of ITT are to:

- Increase independence and use of own initiative
- Raise self confidence
- Provide greater freedom
- Develop social skills
- Open opportunities for learning and work
- Less reliance on friends and family

The service provides individuals with their own personal travel programme and assistance to learn how to travel independently. Working one to one with a travel trainer, students will be accompanied to and from school over an extended period of time until they are ready to make the journey independently.

Suitability for ITT will generally be identified as part of students annual reviews in school or college, however, students currently in receipt of school or college specialist transport who would like to learn to travel independently can also apply.

For further details use the free phone number 0800 073 1767 or email [sefton.travelteam@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:sefton.travelteam@sefton.gov.uk)

### Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Forms

A number of schools and colleges provide travel training and support to students; schools can be contacted directly for details of their provision.

### Other helpful information

Bus Confidence is a website designed to help young people with special educational needs travel to school or college on their own. The on-line training package is available at Bus Confidence free of charge to students, parents & schools. Further details can be found at: <http://www.busconfidence.com>

## **5. Support for Post 16 Students Undertaking Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

Students on waged apprenticeship programmes, or any waged training or learning are not eligible to apply for a bursary. Students on a traineeships programme are non-waged so may be eligible to apply for a bursary. More detail can be found on the gov.uk website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/16-to-19-education-financial-support-for-students>

## **6. Contact Information**

Information regarding home to school and college transport can be obtained from the organisations listed in Annex A and via the links elsewhere in this document.

## **7. Complaints and Appeals**

### **Complaints**

At Sefton Council we want to give you the best possible service we can. We welcome your feedback on our services, as it gives us the opportunity to see where we can make improvements. However, if you have an issue with a service you can contact the Council's Education Team on 0151 934 3504:

Alternatively, please use our [online complaint comment or compliment form](#). Please give us as many details as you can, including the name of the person you spoke to, the date, what the issue is, and how it has happened (if applicable).

### **Appeals**

If you are refused transport under the current policy you will be offered the right of appeal against this decision. This will be included with any refusal letter you receive.

## **8. Consultation and review**

The Post 16 Transport Policy Statement will be reviewed annually and consultation with interested parties will take place on any proposed changes.

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<p>Chesterfield High (Academy)            Chesterfield Road            Crosby            Merseyside L23 9YB</p> <p><a href="http://www.chesterfieldhigh.co.uk">www.chesterfieldhigh.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Christ the King Catholic High &amp; Sixth Form Centre            Stamford Road            Southport PR8 4EX            (Specialist Technology College)(Aided)</p> <p><a href="http://www.christtheking-school.com/">www.christtheking-school.com/</a></p>
<p>Crosby High School            (Specialist Humanities College)            De Villiers Avenue            Crosby            Merseyside L23 2TH</p> <p><a href="http://www.crosbyhigh.org/">www.crosbyhigh.org/</a></p>	<p>Holy Family Catholic High (Aided)            Virgin's Lane            Thornton            Merseyside L23 4UL            0151 924 6451</p> <p><a href="http://www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/">www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/</a></p>
<p>Maricourt Catholic High            Hall Lane            Maghull            Merseyside L31 3DZ</p> <p><a href="http://www.maricourt.net/">www.maricourt.net/</a></p>	<p>Sacred Heart Catholic College,            Liverpool Road, Crosby,            Liverpool L23 5TF            Tel: 0151 931 2971 Fax: 0151 924 8715            Email: office@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk  <a href="http://www.sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk/">www.sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk/</a></p>
<p>Deyes High School            Deyes Lane            Maghull            L31 6DE            UK</p> <p><a href="http://www.deyeshigh.co.uk/">www.deyeshigh.co.uk/</a></p>	<p>Maghull High School            Ormonde Drive,            Maghull Liverpool,            Merseyside            L31 7AW</p> <p><a href="http://www.maghullhigh.com/">www.maghullhigh.com/</a></p>
<p>Formby High School            Freshfield Road            Formby            Liverpool            L37 3HW</p> <p><a href="http://www.formbyhighschool.com/">www.formbyhighschool.com/</a></p>	<p>Range High School            Stapleton Road            Formby            L37 2YN</p> <p><a href="http://www.range.sefton.sch.uk">www.range.sefton.sch.uk</a></p>
<p>South Sefton College            Sterrix Lane,            Litherland,            Liverpool.            L30 2DB</p> <p><a href="http://www.southsefton.com">www.southsefton.com</a></p>	<p>Hugh Baird College            Balliol Road,            Bootle            L20 7EW</p> <p><a href="http://www.hughbaird.ac.uk">www.hughbaird.ac.uk</a></p>
<p>Southport College            Morningson Road,            Southport,            PR9 0TT</p> <p><a href="http://www.southport-college.ac.uk">www.southport-college.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>KGV College            Scarisbrick New Road            Southport            Merseyside            PR8 6LR</p> <p><a href="http://www.kgv.ac.uk/">www.kgv.ac.uk/</a></p>

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 10th March 2016

**Subject:** Procurement of the provision of outreach support for children and young people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder

**Report of:** Head of Schools and Families

**Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

**Exempt/Confidential** No

## Purpose/Summary

To seek approval of Cabinet to conduct a procurement process to establish a contract for the provision of outreach support services for children and young people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder.

## Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i. Approve the procurement process and evaluation criteria for tenders to provide the outreach support service for children and young people with ASD;
- ii. Note that the current arrangements will be continued until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 to ensure continuity of support for current service users;
- iii. Note that the contract will run for three years with the option to extend for one year plus another one year subject to a satisfactory review under the terms of the contract;
- iv. Authorise the Head of Schools and Families to accept the highest scoring tender(s) based on the approved evaluation criteria.

**How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b>Corporate Objective</b>	<b>Positive Impact</b>	<b>Neutral Impact</b>	<b>Negative Impact</b>
1	Creating a Learning Community	X		
2	Jobs and Prosperity		X	
3	Environmental Sustainability		X	
4	Health and Well-Being	X		
5	Children and Young People	X		
6	Creating Safe Communities		X	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	X		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	X		

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

To ensure that children and young people with ASD are provided with high quality outreach support, matched to their individual special educational needs, in line with statutory requirements.

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

The 2015/16 budget allocation is £306,000. This is funded through the high needs block of the dedicated schools grant, DSG, and does not impact on the council's core budgets.

### (B) Capital Costs

N/A

## Implications:

### Legal

The recommendations in this report relate to the council's duties with respect to special educational needs and disability legislation such as the Education Act 1996, the Children and Families Act 2014, the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Code of Practice for 0 to 25 years and the Equality Act 2010. The services described contribute to the successful implementation of the Council's Autism Strategy required by the Autism Act 2009. There is a requirement under the Children and Families Act to collaborate with Health when commissioning services and they will be engaged as stakeholders in the process.

### Human Resources

### Equality

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. No Equality Implication                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Impact on Service Delivery:

The recommendations will ensure that the contract(s) for support for children and young people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) are awarded according to a fair and transparent process with clear criteria for delivering positive outcomes for the young people concerned, within the Authority's financial restraints.

## What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted and has no comments on the report (FD 4037/16)

The Head of Regulation & Compliance has been consulted and has no comments on the report. (LD 3320/16)

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

No, soft market testing has indicated sufficient interest to warrant undertaking a formal procurement process.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet

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**Background Papers:**

None

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## 1. **Autistic spectrum disorders (ASD)**

- 1.1 Children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) have a lifelong disability that affects how they make sense of the world and in particular how they communicate with and relate to others. They may have difficulties with communication, social interaction and imagination. In addition they may be easily distracted or upset by certain stimuli, have problems with change to familiar routines or have difficulties with their co-ordination and fine-motor functions.
- 1.2 ASD is diagnosed following careful multi-agency assessment over time working in partnership with those who know the child best using the criteria set out in the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases and the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM).
- 1.3 The fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Diagnostic Disorders (DSM-5) was published by the APA in May 2013. This resulted in changes to the diagnostic criteria for ASD as evidence of impairment was reduced from three to two areas, namely 'social communication and interaction' and 'restricted, repetitive patterns of behaviours'. Atypical responses to sensory aspects of the environment have been included under the 'restricted, repetitive patterns of behaviours' descriptors for the first time. The support provided for these children and young people will need to be adapted in order to reflect the change in emphasis with respect to diagnosis of ASD.
- 1.4 Children and young people identified as having ASD can experience different levels of severity in relation to their special educational need and some may have other types of need in addition to their ASD. Some of the young people may have ASD in addition to severe or profound learning difficulties whereas other young people with ASD may be capable of high levels of educational attainment, provided that their special educational needs are properly understood and supported.

## 2. **Implications of changes in legislation relating to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)**

- 2.1 The Children and Families Act 2014 introduced changes in legislation relating to children and young people with special educational needs, that included extending the age range of children and young people covered by the act to between nought and twenty five years. The Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years includes guidance on publishing a Local Offer of support for children and young people with SEN or disabilities. Section 4.31 states that:

*The Local Offer should cover:*

- targeted services for children and young people with SEN who require additional short term support over and above that provided routinely as part of universal services;*
- specialist services for children and young people with SEN who require specialised, longer term support.*

In addition section 4.32 states that the local authority must include the educational and training provision arrangements for:



- *securing the services, provision and equipment required by children and young people with SEN or disabilities*

### 3. **Sefton's Local Offer for children and young people with ASD**

- 3.1 As noted above, the ASD population is very diverse and it is therefore important that the Sefton Local Offer for this group reflects the range of provision needed. Some children and young people with ASD have places in specialist provision (either a special school or mainstream school with resourced provision). However, many Sefton children and young people with ASD are also educated in mainstream educational settings throughout the borough. The authority, therefore, has a duty to work in partnership with the schools concerned to ensure that the special educational needs of the children concerned are properly understood and supported. This is mainly done through the provision of specialist outreach support.

### 4. **Current arrangements of the provision of outreach support for children and young people with a diagnosis of ASD**

- 4.1 Current arrangements for the provision of outreach support for children and young people with ASD are supplemented through the use of an external provider, Autism Initiatives. This educational outreach service is delivered through a service level agreement and focuses on the development of bespoke packages of support for individual pupils, which are then implemented by school based staff in mainstream schools.
- 4.2 This service is an important element of the Sefton Local Offer for children and young people with ASD. The provision is available borough-wide; this ensures that many families can choose to have their child's special educational needs supported in their local school. Without this support, the demand for places in specialist provision is likely to increase which in turn would increase the cost to the local authority. There would also be a risk of increased litigation under the Equality Act (2010) and SEN legislation.

### 5. **Proposal**

- 5.1 A soft marketing exercise demonstrated that there are now a range of potential providers for the provision of outreach support for children and young people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder and, therefore, it is appropriate to go out to competitive tender.
- 5.2 The annual cost will vary depending on the packages of support required for children and young people with ASD but is in the region of £300,000 per annum. The budget is within the high needs element of the DSG.
- 5.3 There is a need to continue providing the support currently provided until the new arrangements have been tendered and put in place and it is proposed that the existing arrangements should be maintained until the end of this academic year to maintain continuity of support for the pupils concerned. Notice will be issued to the

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current provider to terminate the existing agreement with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and the procurement process implemented to a timetable which ensures that the successful organisation(s) can provide services from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

- 5.4 Stakeholder engagement has taken place to help inform the specification for the service and it is recommended that the tenders be evaluated on the basis outlined in section 6 below.

## **6. Award criteria and procurement process**

- 6.1 The contract will be awarded utilising a weighted scoring system of:

- Price 20%
- Quality 60%
- Interview 20%

- 6.2 The quality indicators will include staff with ASD specific qualifications, skills and knowledge; experience of providing high quality support to children and young people with ASD in mainstream settings and their families; training skills; evidence of a personalised approach, customising the support provided to the needs of individual children, families and settings; an outcomes led approach, providing evidence that children who receive the support provided have improved outcomes.

- 6.3 The procurement process to be completed and the contract will be awarded by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 with a start date of 1st September 2016.

- 6.4 The contract will run for three years with the option to extend for one year plus another one year subject to a satisfactory review.

- 6.5. The opportunity will be advertised on the Chest and it is recommended that the Head of Schools and Families be authorised to accept the highest scoring tender(s) based on the approved evaluation criteria.

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**Report to:** Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 10 March 2016

**Subject:** Liverpool City Region Combined Authority  
Ways to Work ESF Project Grant approval **Wards Affected:** (All Wards);

**Report of:** Head of Inward Investment and Employment

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes  
**Exempt/Confidential** No

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## Purpose/Summary

To advise members of progress of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Ways to Work ESF bid submission and to seek delegated authority to accept the ESF & YEI (Youth Employment Initiative) grant offer for delivery in Sefton.

## Recommendation(s)

- (1) To note the in-principle approval received for the Combined Authority 'Ways to Work' ESF programme; and
- (2) To delegate acceptance of the ESF grant offer for delivery in Sefton to Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Skills in line with the advice received from the Chief Finance Officer and Head of Regulation and Compliance prior to bid submission.

## How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		x	
2	Jobs and Prosperity	x		
3	Environmental Sustainability		x	
4	Health and Well-Being	X		
5	Children and Young People	X		
6	Creating Safe Communities		x	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		x	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		X	

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## **Reasons for the Recommendation:**

To accept the offer of an ESF grant award of £2,742,123 and Youth Employment Initiative award of £1,062,919 for Sefton. This is part of the wider Combined Authority bid which totals £19,123,473 ESF and £10,416,183 YEI for the City Region Combined Authority partners.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

Not to apply for EU funding would be to forego the benefits (financial, social and economic ) associated with external funding. EU funding will provide an essential component of the future funding of key elements of the Council's Investment and Employment Service from 2016 onwards, and will support the delivery of key objectives for prosperity and jobs. The opportunity to attract Youth Employment Initiative funding (YEI) in addition to European Social Fund offers a particularly desirable level of grant intervention rate. It is considered that this would provide the only possible method of securing this level of investment to improving the life chances of vulnerable young people the Council could pursue over the next three years.

## **What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

### **(A) Revenue Costs**

The project has a value of £42,707,136 across the Liverpool City Region of which £29,539,656 is grant. The remainder of £13,167,479 is financed from partner match. The total share allocated to Sefton (including match) is £6,173,124, consisting of £2,742,123 ESF, £1,062,919 YEI and £2,368,082 match.

The identification of the match funding has been undertaken with extreme rigour and this has resulted in a match funding package which can maximise the Council's investment in ESF eligible activity and enable it to draw down additional European funding to expand and consolidate the programme of employability support it currently supports. Eligible activity includes provision of information, advice and guidance for young people such as the Youth Employment Gateway and a range of Sefton@work operations targeted at adults.

In principle approval has been received from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to deliver the project and Sefton will receive a back to back agreement from the Combined Authority which is the accountable body for funding and governance arrangements. The total match funding requirement for the Council is £2,368,082 for the period to 2018. This expenditure is contained partly within approved revenue budgets for 2016-17, plus a forecast of potential match for 2017-18 arising from existing Council commitments deemed eligible to attract ESF grant. The match funding forecasts will be constantly monitored and updated, and corrective action taken to substitute any shortfall. However, the particular benefit for Sefton of operating this scheme within the LCR Combined Authority arrangement is that there is scope for much greater flexibility in terms of the security of match funding across the 6 partners than previous ESF funding rounds where the Council applied for funds on standalone projects.

### **(B) Capital Costs**

N/a

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>	
A risk assessment and associated mitigation measures were noted by Cabinet on 3 September 2015	
<b>Legal</b>	
Specialist advice is being obtained by the LCR Combined Authority as regards EU funding issues including State Aids, procurement, eligibility of costs, and the accountable body role of the Combined Authority. This advice will be incorporated in delivery arrangements.	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
N/A	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

If approved, the funding applications will contribute to the costs of service delivery by the Council. However, under EU rules, European funding must be additional to activity paid from mainstream public expenditure and not substitute for it. Sefton has a well-established track record of using European Social Fund in a manner that is in line with these regulations and fully meets audit and inspection requirements

## What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted and comments that although £2.3 million has been identified as match funding within revenue budgets in 2015-17, there is a risk concerning potential match funding in future years 2017-18. There is also the concern over future budget savings that the council may have to find 2017-18 onwards.

There is a small potential future risk that if Britain came out of the European Union as a result of the planned Referendum on European membership in 2016 it may impact on European grants in the future (FD 4028/16).

The Head of Regulation and Compliance has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report. (LD3311/16)

## Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection

## 1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Members will recall a Cabinet report of 3 September 2015 outlining three submissions for European Structural Funds following a call for proposals on 27 March 2015. Sefton officers reviewed the calls, identified fit with the council's strategic priorities and where the proposed activities are feasible, deliverable and affordable.
- 1.2 This report outlines progress with the following ESF bid:

### **PA1.3 Ways to Work**

Applicant: LCR Combined Authority (bid signed off by John Fogarty, s151 Officer for CA).

Partners: Halton MBC, Knowsley MBC, Liverpool City Council, Sefton MBC, Wirral MBC, St Helens MBC

Purpose: A local, intelligence-driven, comprehensive and integrated programme for young people and adults, designed to improve personal resilience and progress to sustainable employment incorporating our existing Youth Employment Gateway.

Total costs (actual submission differs slightly original cabinet report): £42m, request for ESF of £19m, request for YEI of £10m

Outputs: approx. 7,500 participants, of which in education/training/employment on leaving the programme = 2183 formerly unemployed, 485 formerly inactive. Of which Sefton: approx. 1,500 participants, approx. 400 formerly unemployed and approx. 100 formerly inactive.

- 1.3 The full application received in-principle approval from DWP on 21st January 2016 and notification was sent to Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. There were no pre-contract conditions to be met. The Ways to Work Partners are now working with the Combined Authority's Compliance Team to prepare for delivery.
- 1.4 The Project will provide local unemployed and workless clients with a suite of interventions to support them gaining and sustaining employment. In Sefton, this will primarily be run through Sefton@work, providing specific support in areas such as paid work placements, training, motivation and confidence building, job search and interview support, group and one to one sessions, access to transport support and overcoming other barriers to participation.
- 1.5 A significant number of paid work placements will be devised, enabling clients to access support in the workplace to help overcome barriers to sustainability. Local employers will be invited to take part in this initiative by offering national minimum wage for the age opportunities over and above their existing workforce, to enable those with little or no work experience to understand better the world of work. In work support will be available to help sustain clients in work for the duration of the work opportunity.

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- 1.6 This programme will work in synergy with other Council services and initiatives, such as Sefton Turnaround and the Leaving Care teams. Specific opportunities with employers, including paid work placements, will be ringfenced to clients also accessing support in these areas, thus adding value to the existing service offers to these clients.
- 1.7 The Youth Employment Initiative ( YEI) is a European targeted fund which is only available in five areas of England where youth employment is deemed to be unacceptably high. The YEI will be operated by the UK government on the same basis as ESf, with similar eligibility conditions for participants. The major differences between YEI and ESF is that projects targeted youth unemployment such as Ways to Work will receive a significantly higher grant intervention rate and YEI funding will need to be fully expended by end July 2018. Given that the implementation of current 2014 – 2020 ESF programme is already behind schedule, there is a strong impetus to commence delivery as swiftly as possible. The Managing Authority for both ESF and YEI funds is the Department for Work and Pensions.



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<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 March 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Liverpool City Region Integrated Business Support Project Grant approval	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Inward Investment and Employment		
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	Yes	<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt/Confidential</b>	No		

## Purpose/Summary

To advise members of progress with the ERDF Liverpool City Region Integrated Business Support project submission and to seek delegated authority to accept the ERDF grant offer for delivery in Sefton.

## Recommendation(s)

- (i) To note the in-principle approval received for the ERDF Liverpool City Region Integrated Business Support project
- (ii) To delegate approval for accepting the ERDF grant offer for delivery in Sefton to the Cabinet Member-Regeneration & Skills in line with the advice received from the Chief Finance Officer and Head of Regulation and Compliance prior to bid submission

## How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		x	
2	Jobs and Prosperity	x		
3	Environmental Sustainability		x	
4	Health and Well-Being		x	
5	Children and Young People		x	
6	Creating Safe Communities		x	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		x	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local	x		

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

To accept the offer of an ERDF grant award of £1,088,415 for Sefton. This is part of the wider Combined Authority bid which totals £2,934,124

## Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Not to apply for EU funding would be to forego the benefits (financial, social and economic ) associated with external funding. EU funding will provide an essential component of the future funding of key elements of the council's Investment and Employment Service from 2016 onwards, and will support the delivery of key objectives for prosperity and jobs. It is considered this is the only possible method of securing this level of investment to support Sefton businesses the council could pursue over the next three years.

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

The project has a total value of £5,870,248 across the Liverpool City Region of which £2,934,124 is ERDF grant funded. The remaining £2,936,124 is financed from partner match across the Liverpool City Region. The total share allocated to Sefton (including match) is £2,176,830 consisting of £1,088,415 ERDF and £1,088,415 match.

In principle approval has been received from the Department of Communities & Local Government (DCLG) to deliver the project and Sefton will receive a back to back agreement from the Combined Authority which is the accountable body for funding and governance arrangements. The total match funding requirement for the Council is £1,088,415 in the period to 2018. This funding will come primarily from other externally funded sources secured for 2016/17 which are eligible to provide match (including Regional Growth Fund monies and the Growth Hub), plus a forecast of potential match for 2017-18 arising from existing Council commitments deemed eligible to attract ERDF grant. The Council's ring-fenced Regeneration Reserve will also contribute some of the required match - estimated at £140,000 in 2016/17 and £95,000 in 2017/18, but, other than this, there will be no impact on the Council's revenue budget. The match funding forecasts will be constantly monitored and updated, and corrective action taken to substitute any shortfall

### (B) Capital Costs

N/a

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

### Financial

A risk assessment and associated mitigation measures were noted by Cabinet on 3 September 2015

<b>Legal</b> Specialist advice is being obtained by the LCR Combined Authority as regards EU funding issues including State Aid, procurement, eligibility of costs, and the accountable body role of the Combined Authority. This advice will be incorporated in delivery arrangements.	
<b>Human Resources</b> N/A	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:**

If approved, the funding applications will contribute to the costs of service delivery by the Council. However, under EU rules, European funding must be additional to activity paid from mainstream public expenditure and not substitute for it. Sefton has a well-established track record of using European Regional Development Funds in a manner that is in line with these regulations and fully meets audit and inspection requirements

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted and comments that although £1,088,415 has been identified as match funding there will always be a risk concerning the continued availability of match funding in the future.. However, this risk is likely to be mitigated by the fact that the project is being implemented across the Liverpool City Region, and not just in Sefton, which potentially means that the failure of a single partner to meet its full commitment would be compensated for by additional input from another partner. If this situation were to arise then a contributing partner would reasonably expect enhanced benefit from the project, but the benefits gained by Sefton to the point that the Council was unable to sustain its match would not be lost.

There is a potential future risk that if Britain came out of Europe as part of the Referendum on Europe in June 2016 it may impact on European grants in the future and therefore possibly on the full delivery of this project.  
(FD 4046/16).

The Head of Regulation and Compliance has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report. (LD 3329/16)

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection

## 1. Introduction/Background

1.1 Members will recall a Cabinet report of 3 September 2015 outlining three submissions for European Structural Funds following a call for proposals on 27 March 2015. Sefton officers reviewed the calls, identified fit with the council's strategic priorities and where the proposed activities are feasible, deliverable and affordable.

1.2 This report outlines progress with the following bid:

### **PA3c Integrated Business Support.**

#### **PA3c Liverpool City Region Integrated Business Support (LCRIBS)**

Applicant: LCR Combined Authority (bid signed off by John Fogarty, s151 Officer for CA).

Partners: LCR Local Enterprise Partnership, Halton MBC, Knowsley MBC, Liverpool Vision, Sefton MBC, Wirral MBC, St Helens Chamber, Wirral Chamber of Commerce, Liverpool & Sefton Chambers of Commerce.

Purpose: To provide eligible SMEs across the Liverpool city region who would not typically engage with providers of business support with the capacity they need to grow and prosper.

Total costs £5.9m, request for ERDF of £2.9m: *of which in Sefton £1.1m*

Outputs: 1,088 enterprises receiving support (12 hour assists), 984 jobs Created; *Of which in Sefton: 218 enterprises receiving support, and 115 jobs created*

1.3 The full application received in-principle approval from DCLG on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and notification was sent to Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. The LCRIBS Partners are now working with the Combined Authority's Compliance Team as part a response to the pre-conditions set out in the notification.

1.4 The Project will provide eligible SMEs across the Liverpool City Region, who would not typically engage with providers of business support, with the capacity and support they need to grow and prosper. It will be a bridge between start-up and more bespoke, intensive or specialist support typically provided by the private sector.

1.5 Support to SMEs will include:

- An intensive Business Diagnostic
- An Action Plan
- A dedicated Adviser
- Informed brokerage into specialist/commercial business support e.g. IFB2016, local/ national provision
- More intensive support, where appropriate, focusing upon the management of people, processes and resources

1.6 The Project will build both the capacity and confidence within SMEs reluctant to engage with existing business support providers for either lack of knowledge or understanding or simply because they are reluctant to pay for, or do not perceive the value of, existing commercial provision. Further, the Project will provide participating

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SMEs with not only a clear route way to sustainability, but also a dedicated human face, and a cohesive blend of complementary support, to help businesses to begin the journey to growth and to navigate additional, commercial, business support provision

- 1.7 InvestSefton, the Council's Business and Investment Team, will deliver the project in Sefton working in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership, other Local Authorities and Chambers of Commerce who will undertake delivery across all other areas of the city region.

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<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 March 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Hired Passenger Transport Framework Contract 2013/15 - Extension	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Locality Services - Commissioned		
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	Yes	<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt/Confidential</b>	No		

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## Purpose/Summary

To obtain approval to utilise the option of a second 12 month extension of the current Hired Passenger Transport Framework Agreement for a period of 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

## Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet approves the utilisation of the second extension option of the current Hired Passenger Transport Framework Agreements for a period of 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

## How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
3	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
4	Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Children and Young People		✓	
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		✓	

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

The current Framework Agreement, core period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, has an option to extend by 2 x 1 year extension periods at the discretion of Sefton Council. Recommendation is made following the successful performance of suppliers over the preceding core period and first of two extension periods and that pricing has remained stable over these periods of the Framework Agreement.

## Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

To go back out to tender via an OJEU compliant process for a new Framework Agreement. This was rejected as it was considered more appropriate to utilise resources to undertake a review of routes and to offer revised routes to the current framework transport providers. This will be via a competitive process within the existing framework agreement, which provides appropriate financial control.

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

No variations in revenue costs are anticipated.

### (B) Capital Costs

N/A

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>		
<b>Legal</b>		
<b>Human Resources</b>		
<b>Equality</b>		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

All of the current framework agreement service providers will be written to and offered the opportunity to continue to provide services when requested to do so under the terms of the existing Framework Agreement. It is not anticipated that any of the current service



providers will not be willing to agree to the extended period. However, should any of them not agree the extension, appropriate alternative arrangements could be established with other service providers under the current Framework Agreement.

## **What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Chief Finance Officer (FD.4047/16) notes that the opportunity to take up the option of an extension to the existing agreement will have no additional budgetary implications. The extension will not affect the ability of the Council to modify future transport arrangements, whether operational or policy related, even if the changes were to be implemented before December 2017.

The Head of Regulation and Compliance has been consulted and comments have been incorporated in the report (LD 3330/16)

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection

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## Introduction/Background

1. The Cabinet will recall that approval was given in September 2013 to establish a Hired Passenger Transport Framework Agreement for the provision of specialist transportation for vulnerable adults and children by external companies. The award was made for a period of up to 4 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The Core period of the contract was for 2 years, with the provision for 2 x 1 year optional extension periods.
2. The Cabinet will also recall that approval was given in July 2015 to utilise the option of the current Hired Passenger Transport Framework Agreement for the first of two possible twelve month extension periods.
3. The current Framework Agreement was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and on the Chest Portal (E-Tendering Portal). This method of advertisement and subsequent Tendering process ensured that the Specialist Transport Unit fully complied with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's).
4. The current Framework Agreement (1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 with 2 x 1 year extension options) has enabled the delivery of all required services and suppliers having performed satisfactorily, it is considered appropriate and beneficial for Sefton Council to utilise the option to extend the Framework Agreement for the final year extension period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

**Report to:** Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 10 March 2016

**Subject:** Adoption of House Extensions and New Housing Supplementary Planning Documents **Wards Affected:** (All Wards);

**Report of:** Chief Executive

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes  
**Exempt/Confidential** No

### Purpose/Summary

To report on the consultation undertaken by the council on the two Documents, namely the House Extensions and New Housing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's.) This includes comments received and any proposed changes before the documents are officially adopted by the council.

### Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet approves the adoption of the House Extensions and New Housing SPD's for Development Management Purposes.

### How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
3	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
4	Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Children and Young People		✓	
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		✓	

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's) are required to be officially adopted by the council in order for them to be given weight when determining planning applications.

## Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

One alternative would be not to update the existing SPD's. However this would result in the existing documents becoming further inconsistent with national planning policy and consequently being of limited weight in making decisions on planning applications.

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs -up to £1,500, met out of Local Plan budget

(B) Capital Costs- Not applicable

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

The adoption of these Supplementary Planning Documents will lead to more efficient and effective use of staff resources and make it easier for the public to make acceptable planning applications as they will provide up to date information in one place.

## What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Chief Finance Officer (FD.4029/16.) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council. Revenue Costs (estimated as up to £1,500) can be met from the Local Plan budget and the Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 3312/16.) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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## **Background Papers:**

The following background papers, which are not available elsewhere on the Internet can be accessed on the Council website via this link: <http://www.sefton.gov.uk/2015spd>

- I. House Extensions SPD
- II. New Housing SPD
- III. Consultation statement:

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## **1. Introduction/Background- Existing House Extensions and New Housing Development Supplementary Planning Documents**

1.1 In 2003 Sefton Council adopted House Extensions and New Housing Development Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's). At the time these documents were adopted they were consistent with national planning policy.

1.2 However in recent years with the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2012 and the extensions of permitted development rights for household applications, there has been a shift towards flexibility in national planning policy which has rendered some parts of the existing SPD's out of date and in conflict with national policy.

1.3 This has led to situations where development contrary to the SPD's has been approved on appeal due to the guidance being out of date. This conflict between parts of the out of date SPD's and national policy means that the documents sometimes have limited weight in planning decisions. This creates frustration, delays and uncertainty for residents, elected Members, applicants and council officers about what development is acceptable.

1.4 It is intended that the new SPDs will provide up to date clear guidance consistent with national policy on what development is acceptable and will therefore have more relevance in making decisions on planning applications. This will provide greater clarity for all stakeholders when deciding planning applications related to house extensions and new housing.

## **2. Consultation Process**

2.1 Sefton Council consulted on the Draft House Extensions and New Housing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's) between the 26th October and the 21st December 2015.

2.2 A total of 12 comments were received on both documents.

The following 5 respondents had no comments to make on the documents:

- I. Historic England (email 3/11/15)
- II. Marine Management Organisation (email 5/11/15)
- III. National Trust (email 25/11/15)
- IV. NATS Airspace Change Team (email 26/10/15)
- V. Natural England (email 19/11/15)

2.3 However the following 7 respondents made comments on the documents:

- I. Adactus Housing (email 18/12/15)
- II. Campaign to Protect Rural England (email 19/12/15)
- III. Canal and River Trust (email 3/12/15)
- IV. Environment Agency (email 19/11/15)
- V. Lancashire wildlife Trust (email 1/12/15)
- VI. Taylor Wimpey (email 16/12/15)
- VII. United Utilities (email 21/12/15)

2.4 In addition one respondent (Barratt Homes) made comments after the deadline (24/12/15)

2.5 A summary of the comments made and the council response is provided in the consultation statement. <http://www.sefton.gov.uk/2015spd>

## 3 SPD Changes

3.1 The following changes were made as a result of consultation comments:

### House Extensions SPD

- I. Paragraph 13.4b was amended to include reference to outbuildings of temporary material not being included when calculating the volume of extensions in the Green Belt. (CPRE)
- II. A new paragraph was included in response to the comment “12.4 Extensions or alterations should also avoid adversely affecting the setting of listed buildings or other heritage assets.” (Canal and river trust)
- III. A point has been added to para 2.11 that extensions should “Avoid adversely affecting the operation of existing water infrastructure.” (United Utilities)

### New Housing SPD

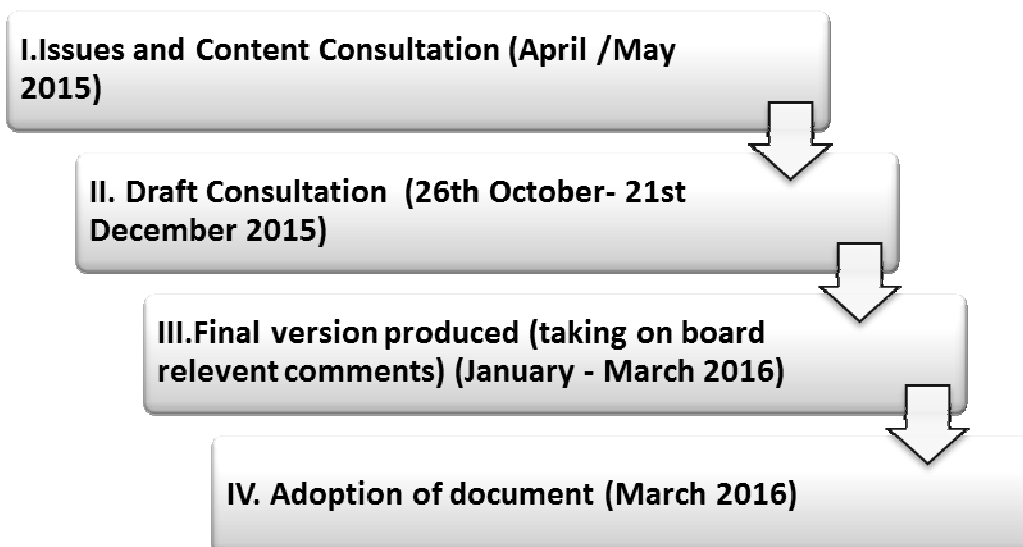
- I. Paragraph 11.1 has been amended to clarify that the 15% larger replacement dwelling figure will be measured by volume. (Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd)
- II. Paragraph 8.2 has been amended to include the following sentence “Development should also avoid adverse effects on the operation of existing infrastructure.” (United Utilities)

The final documents are available to view at the following webpage:

<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/2015spd>

## 4 Next Steps

4.1 When approved for adoption, the council will produce an adoption statement and publicise the adoption of the documents. Once adopted the SPD's will be able to be taken into account when determining planning applications.



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<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Sefton Local Plan - Proposed Modifications	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Executive		
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	Yes	<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt/Confidential</b>	No		

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## Purpose/Summary

To report the urgent decisions taken by the Leader under 'Matters delegated to the Leader' during the Local Plan examination hearings.

These changes have been made to the submitted Local Plan, as a result of the discussion at the hearings which were held between 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. In some cases they replace decisions taken by the Leader and Cabinet on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Minutes 51 and 63), and those reported to Cabinet on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 (Minute 78), which cover the changes made prior to the hearings taking place.

Consultation on the Modifications will take place when the Inspector's interim report and the proposed Modifications to the Local Plan have been approved by the Council later this year.

## Recommendation

That this report on the urgent decisions taken by the Leader of the Council be noted by the Cabinet.

## How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
3	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
4	Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Children and Young People		✓	
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council		✓	

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	Services and Strengthening Local Democracy			
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**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

To report the urgent decisions taken by the Leader to Cabinet, as required by the constitution.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None. This is required by the Council's constitution.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

Within the Local Plan budget

**(B) Capital Costs**

None

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:**

None

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Chief Finance Officer (FD 4044/16) notes that any costs associated with the process outlined in this report can be accommodated within existing revenue budgets.

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The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 3327/16) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

With immediate effect.

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## **Background Papers:**

The representations to the Local Plan can be accessed via [www.sefton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/localplan), the evidence base via [www.sefton.gov.uk/examlibrary](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/examlibrary). This includes documents submitted during the hearings including the proposed Modifications.

# Agenda Item 12

## **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 The Local Plan for Sefton was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 3 August 2015. Mr Martin Pike was appointed as the Planning Inspector to examine the Sefton Local Plan. Hearings took place between 17 November 2015 and 15 January 2016.
- 1.2 A number of changes were approved by Cabinet in October and November 2015 (Minutes 51 and 63) before the hearings opened based on updated evidence, and in response to representations made and the Inspector's 'Matters, Issues and Questions' which were discussed at the hearings. Further changes were noted by Cabinet on 3 December 2015 (Minute 78) which provided details of the urgent decision taken by the Leader of the Council on 13 November 2015 to approve a list of post submission changes to the Local Plan for consideration by the Planning Inspector at the Local Plan examination.

## **2. Further Changes arising during the hearings**

- 2.1 During the course of the hearings, further Modifications were put forward by the Council in order to make the Plan sound or to take account of updated evidence and representations. These are contained in the Annex attached to this report. These were approved by the Leader of the Council as urgent decisions in accordance with his delegated powers under Chapter 5 of the Constitution. The Constitution requires that such urgent decisions are reported to the Cabinet. As the Cabinet are simply noting the decisions, this action is not subject to call-in.
- 2.2 Although most of the policies in the Local Plan have been modified to some degree, with some of the changes being quite extensive, the Plan is essentially the same as that approved by Council and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. In particular, the number of houses proposed in the Local Plan has not been increased, although there have been changes to the specific areas and capacities of some of the sites, and one additional housing site has been added.
- 2.3 It should be noted that some of the earlier Modifications may have been superseded by subsequent Modifications which have arisen as a result of the discussion at the examination hearings held between November 2015 and January 2016.

## **3. Next stages**

- 3.1 The Inspector has now submitted his interim findings to the Council. These have to be published as an 'Examination document' as soon as possible after they are received. In his report, the Inspector will set whether he considers the Local Plan is 'sound' and will indicate where changes are required. He will also set out the reasons why he disagrees with any of the Modifications proposed by the Council.
- 3.2 The Council will be asked to approve the Inspector's report and the Modifications for comment later this year.

## Proposed Modifications to the Local Plan (Modifications arising during and after Hearings Sessions)

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. This is to take into account representations received during the consultation stage as well as new and emerging evidence and legislation.

“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.

This list contains modifications proposed that have arisen as a result of discussion during and after the hearings sessions.

Mod Type	Main Mod Reference	Local Plan Reference	Proposed Change	Reason
<b>General, Index and Structure</b>				
AM		General	Change ‘Primarily Industrial Area’ to ‘Existing Employment Area’ throughout Local Plan (including the Index and Policy Links)	To better reflect the recommendations of the 2015 Employment Land & Premises Study.
AM		General	Change ‘NH1 Environmental Assets’ to ‘NH1 Natural Assets’ or ‘NH9A Heritage Assets’ throughout Local Plan (including the Index and Policy Links)	To respond to the discussion at the hearings, including separating policy NH1 between natural and heritage assets.
AM		General	References to ‘the Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended)’ throughout the plan have been changed to ‘the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 as amended’.	To respond to Natural England comments and provide the correct reference.
AM		Index	Insert reference to new figure 11.2A	For clarity and to reflect new figure relating to Minerals Assessment

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AM		Index	ED8B Aintree Racecourse added	To refer to the new policy in Chapter 7 of the Plan
AM		Index	Amend the title of chapter 10 to 'Design and Environmental Quality'	To correct the chapter's name.
<b>Chapter 1</b>				
<b>Chapter 2</b>				
AM		Figure 4.3	Amend figure 4.3 to reflect changes in capacity in Policy MN2.	For consistency with proposed Modifications already agreed.
MM		4.42	Delete 'at an early stage' and insert 'immediately' in final sentence.	Although the wording has been approved elsewhere and is included in the tracked changes version of the Plan it has not been formally agreed as a Modification.
MM		4.44	Replace paragraph 4.4 with the following: The Council is committed to an immediate review of the Plan if either the Inspector's report or the publication of the sub-regional Strategic Housing and Employment Land Market Assessment (SHELMA) identifies a need for more housing or employment including land for logistics associated with the Port of Liverpool (see part 5 of policy MN1 'Housing and Employment Land Requirements'). To this end, and as part of the Duty to Co-operate, it is collaborating with the other Liverpool City Region authorities to carry this study out.	To clarify the circumstances under which the immediate review of the Sefton Local Plan will proceed and the timetable within which it will be undertaken.
<b>Chapter 3</b>				
<b>Chapter 4</b>				
<b>Chapter 5</b>				
MM		Policy SD2	Amend the 10 <sup>th</sup> bullet point to read: "To achieve high quality design and an environment that encourages a healthy lifestyle"	For clarity.
<b>Chapter 6 Meeting needs</b>				
AM		6.8A	Replace paragraph 6.8A with the following: 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 potential need for an immediate review of the Local Plan this may not be possible. The review needs to take account of the regional Strategic Housing and Employment Land Market Assessment (SHELMA) and the conclusions of the Port Access Study. Any	To clarify the circumstances under which the immediate review of the Sefton Local Plan will proceed and the timetable within which it will be undertaken.

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			consequential changes to the boundary of the Green Belt will be included in a future review of the Local Plan.	
MM		Policy MN1	Replace part 5 of policy MN1 with the following: Sefton is working jointly with the other Liverpool City Region local planning authorities and the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership to undertake the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Market Assessment (SHELMA) to establish, objectively, the level of long-term growth in housing and employment needs appropriate in Sefton. In the event that it is demonstrated that further housing or employment provision is required in Sefton, an immediate review or partial review of the Sefton Local Plan will be brought forward to address these matters. The review will commence following the adoption of the Sefton Local Plan. It will take into account the findings of the SHELMA, and will be submitted within two years from the date of the Local Plan adoption.	To clarify the circumstances under which the immediate review of the Sefton Local Plan will proceed and the timetable within which it will be undertaken.
MM		Policy MN1	Employment requirement amended to 88.59ha and footnote inserted as follows: As per work undertaken by BE Group: The figure of 88.59 ha is a measure of need across the whole Local Plan period 2012-2030. It is inclusive of the land take up which has occurred over the years 2012 to 2015 (6.49 ha) and the need still to be met for the remainder of the Plan period, to 2030 (82.1 ha). These figures reflect the findings of the Employment Land and Premises Study Update (2015).	To update Plan, see proposed footnote
MM		6.14B	New paragraph required: The review of the Local Plan will be completed within two years of the adoption of this Plan. Sefton has already begun working with the other Liverpool City Region local planning authorities through the commissioning of the SHELMA to establish the scale and distribution of any emerging housing shortfall and the emerging employment needs, including those associated with the expansion of the Port of Liverpool, including a new or improved port access.	In response to Inspector's recommendation and for consistency with part 5 of Policy MN1
MM		6.14C	"6.14C The devolution deal signed on 17th November, 2015 between HM Treasury and the Liverpool City Region, grants powers over strategic planning to the City Region, including the responsibility for creating a single statutory city-region framework. This is intended to help accelerate economic growth and new housing development throughout the city region. The planning powers will include the development of a single statutory city-region framework supporting the delivery of strategic employment and housing sites throughout the city-region. The agreement stresses that this approach must not delay the development of local plans."	To provide updated information about the devolution deal for the Liverpool City Region that was announced on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2015.
MM		Policy MN2	Site area of MN2.4 Moss Lane decreased to 18.3ha to exclude area of site identified as 'Proposed Open Space'	Policy Map changes approved on 17 December 2015, however changes to

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				Policy MN2 itself were not
MM		Policy MN2	Site area of MN2.6 Land adjacent to Dobbies Garden Centre reduced to 6.1ha, total area amended accordingly	To incorporate area of Proposed Open Space, excluding area of high flood risk from allocation
MM		Policy MN2	Capacity of site MN2.8 'Ainsdale High' reduced from 243 dwellings to 120 dwellings. Area amended to 4.6ha. Total capacity amended accordingly	To reduce the capacity so as to enable 50% of the site to be retained either as a potential playing pitch pending the resolution of the recommendations of the Playing Pitch Strategy and any relocation of this pitch, or as an ecological mitigation zone.
MM		Policy MN2	Site area of MN2.10 Land at Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale increased to 2.6ha to incorporate buildings on site	Policy Map changes approved on 1 October 2015, however changes to Policy MN2 itself were not
MM		Policy MN2	Insert new site MN2.14A Land at Shorrock's Hill, Lifeboat Road, Formby with a site area of 3.3ha and capacity of 60. Amend totals accordingly	To address discussion during hearings sessions and the decision to allocate this site for housing
MM		Policy MN2	Add an asterisk (*) to site MN2.14. Insert the following text beneath the table of site allocations under part 1 of the policy: * site allocated specifically for older persons housing / accommodation (reserved for residents aged 55 and over)	For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to provision of housing for the elderly in Formby
MM		Policy MN2	Insert a new part 4A into the policy to read as follows 'Site MN2.8 Former Ainsdale Hope School, Ainsdale is adjacent to an 'Ecological Improvement Area'. This area will be developed for a nature reserve alongside the housing allocation.'	For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to ecology
MM		Policy MN2	Include sites MN2.4 and MN2.6 in part 4 of the policy.	To update the Plan to include the new areas of Proposed Open Space at sites MN2.4 and MN2.6
AM		Policy MN2	Insert the following reference in the 'policy links' section underneath the policy wording: 'NH5 Protection of open space and Countryside Recreation Areas'	To reflect the discussion in hearings sessions regarding playing pitches
MM		Policy MN2	Replace 'ED3 Primarily Industrial Areas' with 'ED3 Existing Employment Area' in the 'policy links' section	To reflect the change in title of Policy ED3.
MM		Policy MN3	Reinstate 'comprehensive' and 'integrated' into part 1 of the policy.  Insert new parts 1A and 1B to the policy:	To reflect the discussion in hearings and taking into account the 'Whiston' policy in the Knowsley Local Plan.



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			<p><b>1A.</b> Proposals for development within Land East of Maghull will only be granted planning permission where they are consistent with a single detailed master plan for the whole site which is approved by the Council. The master plan should accord with this policy and any associated Supplementary Planning Document and may be submitted prior to or with the first application. Planning permissions will be linked to any necessary legal agreements for the improvement, provision, management and maintenance of infrastructure, services and facilities, open spaces and other matters necessary to make the development acceptable and which facilitate comprehensive delivery of all phases of development within the site in accordance with the master plan.</p> <p><b>1B.</b> Proposals for development within this site must demonstrate a comprehensive approach to infrastructure provision (including provision of an appropriate proportion of financial and/or ‘in kind’ contributions towards strategic and/or local infrastructure required to enable the comprehensive development of the site). All residential applications within the site must contribute proportionally (on a per dwelling basis) to the following improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the expansion of Summerhill Primary School to become a two form entry school</li> <li>b) the provision of a main park within the site</li> <li>c) new slip roads at junction 1 of the M58 motorway</li> <li>d) subsidy of a bus route through the site for a period of 5 years</li> </ul> <p>Add ‘or employment’ to part 2 of the policy after “residential”.</p> <p>Reinstate ‘to meet identified housing needs’ to the end of the first sentence of part 2(a) of the policy and replace ‘residents of 55 and over’ with ‘residents aged 55 or over’ at the end of this clause.</p>	

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			<p>Revise part 2(c) of the policy as follows: Small-scale retail and commercial development to ensure the convenience shopping and other needs of new residents are met.</p> <p>Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point to part 2(f) of the policy, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appropriate separation of commercial and residential traffic</li> </ul> <p>Reinstate the following clauses within part 4 of the policy:</p> <p>(a) Maghull North station must be operational before completion of the 500th dwelling</p> <p>(b) The southbound on slip and northbound off slip at Junction 1 of the M58 motorway must be constructed before completion of the 500th dwelling</p> <p>(c) The proposed Business Park must not be occupied until the new slip roads are completed at Junction 1 of the M58</p> <p>Delete “and” from the end of part 4 c) of the policy</p> <p>Revise part 4(b) of the policy as follows:</p> <p>(a) No more than 250 dwellings will be served from Poverty Lane and no more than 250 dwellings will be served from School Lane / Maghull Lane, prior to the completion of the internal bus route / distributor road</p> <p>Delete section 5 of the policy (which will be replaced by the new part 1B, above).</p>	
<b>MM</b>		6.36	<p>Delete ‘a local centre, Neighbourhood Park’ and add ‘a main park’ after ‘a business park’.</p> <p>Delete ‘during the plan period’ at the end of the first sentence.</p>	<p>Changes to this paragraph have been made in the tracked changes version of the Plan, but have not yet been approved as a Modification.</p>

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MM		Policy MN4	Amend part e of the Policy to read 'Flood risk will be managed effectively and appropriately within the site, including through the use of flood storage areas and sustainable drainage systems; and'	To reflect the discussion during hearings sessions in relation to Land north of Formby Industrial Estate
MM		Policy MN5	<p>Part 1(a) of the policy: delete "available for community use" and then add the following sentence at the end of the section: "All sports and recreation facilities must be made available for community use."</p> <p>Replace new part 1(d) of the policy with: Other uses will be considered appropriate if it can be demonstrated through a viability appraisal they are the minimum necessary to deliver the employment and sport and recreation uses proposed. Any proposed main town centre uses (as defined in the NPPF) including retail and leisure developments must satisfy the sequential and impact tests set out in the NPPF and other relevant policies of this Local Plan particularly Policy ED2.</p> <p>Add 'vehicular' to part 1(e) of the policy.</p> <p>Amend part 3 of the policy to read: The phasing of the developments supported under this allocation must be agreed in writing with the Council through a phasing plan/strategy. Any uses required to enable/cross subsidise the delivery of the sports and recreation uses and employment uses must be phased so that they are delivered after or in tandem with the sports and recreation uses and employment uses.</p> <p>Add a new paragraph 6.56A, and re-number the existing paragraph 6.56A 6.56B: 6.56A In the event it can be demonstrated that the employment and sport and recreation related uses are not viable, including whether promoted on their own or in tandem, the Council will consider supporting other uses on residual land that have the potential to cross subsidise the main uses planned under the policy. Any developments that are promoted as cross subsidising uses will only be supported if justified by a robust viability appraisal and restricted to the minimum amount required to make the employment and sport and recreation uses viable, including the cost of necessary infrastructure. Town centre uses as defined in the NPPF/Local Plan Policy ED2, particularly retail and leisure uses, will only be supported if they are of a type, scale and format that means they will not have a significant impact on any of the Borough's defined shopping centres. It will</p>	To reflect the discussion during hearings sessions in relation to Land south of Formby Industrial Estate

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			also be necessary for such uses to satisfy the sequential test as set out in NPPF and Policy ED2.	
MM		Policy MN6	'Up to' removed from before 7.9 ha in part 1b Amend Part c) of the policy as follows 'Include a signal controlled junction onto the Formby Bypass and a through route to a secondary means of access via Paradise Lane'	For clarity and to address discussion during hearings sessions
MM		6.64	Paragraph amended as follows: A new signal controlled junction must also be provided onto the Formby Bypass to provide access into the site. The site layout should provide a secondary access via Paradise Lane. Any route created through the site into Formby should be designed to discourage through traffic.	To refer to secondary access point to site and discussion during hearings sessions
<b>Chapter 7 Economic development</b>				
MM		Policy ED1	Replace 'or' with 'and' in part 2c of the policy to read: "Demonstrate that there are no likely significant effects on the Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore and Liverpool Bay Special Protection Areas and other internationally important nature sites."  Replaces part 1f of the policy with: For development which is outside the Seaforth Nature Reserve, but within the remainder of the Port and Maritime Zone including any expansion of the operational port area to the A565, it can be demonstrated that there no likely significant effects on the Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore and Liverpool Bay Special Protection Areas and other internationally important nature sites.	To respond to the Inspector's comments at the examination hearings, by removing a potential conflict between the two parts of the policy. No significant risk of any impact is not the same as no likely significant effects.
AM		7.14	'This road experiences repeated congestion especially during peak periods, and' should be deleted from the start of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence.	This repeats much of the previous sentence and is unnecessary.
AM		7.16	Amend 'Habitat Regulations Assessment' to 'Habitats Regulations Assessment'  Amend the early part of para 7.16 as follows: 7.16 The Seaforth Nature Reserve is part of the Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore Special Protection Area and Ramsar Site. As such it is internationally important for nature conservation and is part of the Natura 2000 network of international nature sites. Under the Habitats Regulations 2010, the Council has a duty to prevent adverse effects on the integrity of sites of international nature importance.	Typographical correction  For clarity
AM		7.18	Replace 'Primary Retail Areas' with 'Primary Shopping Areas'.	To reflect current Government guidance.
MM		Policy ED2	In part 1 after 'town centre uses' insert footnote that states (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)	To take account of the requirements for out of centre provision as suggested in

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			<p>Above part 2 insert heading ‘Sequential Test’ and amend wording as follows:</p> <p>2. All retail, leisure and other town centre uses will be subject to a sequential approach to development. This will require applications for town centre uses to be located firstly in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Shopping Areas (retail uses only), then</li> <li>• Town centres, district and local centres (in accordance with the hierarchy in part 1), then</li> <li>• edge of centre locations, and</li> <li>• only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered.</li> </ul> <p>Above part 3 insert heading ‘Impact Test’ and amend wording as follows:</p> <p>3. For retail, leisure and office uses proposed outside of the identified areas below, impact assessments will be required to accompany planning applications based on the following floorspace thresholds at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outside of the Primary Shopping Areas (for retail) or Town Centres (leisure and office uses) of Bootle and Southport, an impact assessment will be required for development which proposes more than 500m<sup>2</sup> gross floorspace or more.....</li> </ul> <p>‘Where more than one impact threshold applies, the lower impact threshold will take precedence. Where appropriate, impacts on the vitality and viability of designated retail centres in neighbouring local authorities will also be required to be assessed.’ To be replaced with:</p> <p>‘All proposed retail, leisure and offices uses located outside of existing defined centres (part 1) and which exceed the above local impact threshold test (part 3) should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that they would not have a significant adverse impact on the delivery of existing, committed, and planned public and private investment within any existing defined centres, and</li> <li>• that no significant adverse impact on the vitality and viability of any existing centres will arise from the proposed development, including to local consumer choice and trade in defined centres and the wider area, up to five years from the time the application is made. For major schemes where the full impact will not</li> </ul>	<p>2015 Retail Strategy (EM.13) and subsequent discussion and changes proposed by WYG and the Council during the hearings sessions</p>

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			<p>be realised in five years, the impact should also be assessed up to ten years from when the application is made.'</p> <p>Final sentence of part 3 to be amended as follows: 'Subject to the above, impact assessments may also be required in other circumstances, including where a change of use, or variation of conditions from one form of retail development to another is proposed and could materially affect local shopping patterns.'</p> <p>The penultimate sentence of part 3 of the policy to be replaced with the following: "All proposed retail, leisure and other town centres uses located outside of existing defined centres (part 1) and which are not in accordance with the Local Plan should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that they would not prejudice the delivery of existing, committed, and planned public and private investment within any existing defined centres, and</li> <li>• that no significant adverse impact on the vitality and viability of any existing centres will arise from the proposed development, including to local consumer choice and trade in defined centres and the wider area, up to five years from the time the application is made." <p>Reference to Figure 7.2 in part 4 of the policy is to be amended to refer to the Policy Map (see below).</p> <p>Delete the final sentence of part 4 of the policy: 'Outside of Primary Shopping Areas, but within defined centres, all main town centre uses will be considered acceptable in principle' and replace with: 'Within the primary retail frontages identified in the Policies Map, it is expected that 70% of units should fall within the A1 (retail) Use Class.</p> <p>Where planning applications for non-retail use are proposed within primary retail frontages which would result in more than 30% of units being in non-retail uses, applicants will be required to demonstrate that the unit is a long term vacancy (normally a minimum of 1 continuous year) and that reasonable attempts have been made to sell or let the premises for A1 use.</p> <p>Applications within primary and secondary frontages at the town and district centres which would result in the loss of an active ground floor use will not be supported.'</p> </li></ul>	

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			Add 'and other non-town centre uses' after 'residential development' in Part 5 of the policy.	
AM		7.20	Replace paragraph with the following: 'The 2015 Retail Strategy Review (RSR) identifies no immediate capacity for additional convenience shopping floorspace for North Sefton, with a limited capacity arising in the longer term up to 2030. For South Sefton, the RSR forecasts a more significant capacity for additional convenience shopping floorspace in both the short and medium term, providing potential investment opportunities to support future development in Bootle, Crosby and Maghull.'	To update the plan and reflect discussion during hearings sessions
AM		7.21	Replace paragraph with the following 'The RSR identifies no significant overall need for new comparison floorspace within the Borough in the period up to 2020, with additional capacity for comparison goods floorspace predicted to arise in the latter half of the plan period. The reuse of existing vacant floorspace is expected to absorb some of this identified capacity. The RSR forecasts the majority of the arising comparison floorspace need will be in North Sefton. To reflect this, additional floorspace for comparison shopping would be supported in principle in Southport Town Centre, particularly where it would improve Southport's market share or reuse existing floorspace.'	To update the plan and reflect discussion during hearings sessions
AM		7.22	Replace paragraph with the following: 'The RSR's forecasts will be reviewed regularly to help provide an up to date assessment of the retail needs and capacity within the Borough, and help the address any uncertainties in predicting how the retail sector will perform over time given its fluidity in recent years.'	To update the plan and reflect discussion during hearings sessions
AM		7.22A	Insert new paragraph: 'The sequential test and impact assessment should be undertaken in a proportionate and locally appropriate way, and ideally agreed at pre-application stages, drawing on and sharing existing information where possible. The applicants and the Council should seek to agree the scope, key impacts for assessment, potentially alternative sites and the level of detail required in advance of applications being submitted.'	To update the plan and reflect discussion during hearings sessions
MM		Policy ED3	Rename the policy 'Existing Employment Areas', and replace 'Primarily Industrial Area' with 'Existing Employment Area' throughout. Replace bullet points 2 and 3 of Part 2 of the policy with the following text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The land/premises has been continuously and actively marketed for B1, B2 and B8 uses for at least 12 months at a reasonable market rate (i.e. rent or capital values) as supported by a formal marketing report, or</li> <li>• There would be a significant community benefit that would outweigh the loss of the employment land/premises".</li> </ul>	To respond to the Inspector's comments at the examination hearings, and to better reflect the recommendations of the 2015 Employment Land & Premises Study.

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AM		7.39A	In new paragraph 7.39A, policy MN7 is referred to as 'The Green Belt' in error.	The name of this policy should be corrected to 'Sefton's Green Belt'.
MM		Policy ED4	Amend 'Bootle Central Area' to 'Bootle Commercial Area' and delete reference to Land at Crosby Road North, Waterloo	To reflect the subsequent change to two of the Mixed Use areas as a result of changes to the town and district centre boundaries
AM		7.30	Amend 'Bootle Central Area' to 'Bootle Commercial Area'	For clarity
AM		7.31	Delete reference to Land at Crosby Road North, Waterloo	For clarity
AM		7.48	Amend first sentence to read 'The Bootle Central Area includes Bootle Town Centre, the Bootle Commercial Area, Hugh Baird College...'	For clarity
MM		Policy ED5	Insert a new heading 'Strategic tourism locations' before part 1 of the policy	To correct an earlier omission and to respond to the representation by the National Trust (P.663), as set out in the Statement of Common Ground between the Council and the National Trust.
AM		Policy ED5	Insert policy links to ED8A and ED8B	To reflect the new tourism-related policies included in Chapter 7
MM		Policy ED7	<p>Substantially reword and restructure parts 2 to 4 as follows:</p> <p><b>2. Development proposals within the Southport Central Area for the following uses will be acceptable in principle, subject to other Local Plan policies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Hotels and guest houses</li> <li>b) Arts and cultural uses and visitor attractions</li> <li>c) Education uses including the expansion of Southport College</li> <li>d) Uses which secure a sustainable future for vacant or 'at risk' heritage assets.</li> </ul> <p>In part 5 (now 3) replace 'must' with 'should' and add 'Within the Lord Street and Promenade Conservation Areas, new or replacement features should enhance the appearance of buildings, public spaces, and the historic character of the area.' To the end of part 3c</p> <p>In part 6 (now 4) replace 'is expected to' with 'should'</p>	To address discussion during hearings sessions and Historic England comments
MM		Policy ED8	Add 'and designations' to end of part 1	To address discussion during hearings sessions and Historic England comments



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			In part 2, before 'character' insert 'historic and landscape'	
AM		7.64	Add 'and designations' to end of paragraph	For clarity
AM		7.67	Paragraph deleted	Paragraph is no longer relevant to Southport Seafront policy
MM		Policy ED8A	Add 'and its open character.' To the end of proposed part 2a  Amend second sentence of 2c to landscaped pedestrian link through the site continuing the linear route connecting Scarisbrick Avenue and the Venetian Bridge in King's Gardens to the seafront  Replace 'new' with 'compensatory' in part 2h.	To address discussion during hearings sessions and Historic England comments
AM		Policy ED8A	Insert following national/regional context and policy links below new Southport Marine Park policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED5 Tourism</li> <li>• ED6 Regeneration</li> <li>• ED8 Southport Seafront</li> <li>• NH2 Protection and enhancement of nature sites, priority habitats and species</li> <li>• LCR Visitor Economy Strategy to 2020, 2009</li> </ul>	For clarity and cohesion within Plan and to address the accidental omission of these links in the previously approved modification PMM.118.
AM		7.67D	Amend proposed paragraph as follows: 'The development of this site may involve the loss of some or all of Princes Park (a non-designated heritage asset). It is envisaged that the benefits of meeting parts 1 and 2 of this policy will outweigh this loss. Appropriate new open space and green infrastructure should also be provided within the site to compensate for any loss of open space.'	To address discussion during hearings sessions and Historic England comments
MM		Policy ED8B	New policy inserted:  7.67E Aintree Racecourse Policy 'Aintree Racecourse is an asset of national importance, and is the home of the Grand National Festival, which hosts the world class National Steeplechase. It is therefore a major and valuable recreation, tourism and conferencing facility which attracts significant numbers of visitors throughout the year thereby contributing positively to the Borough and the wider Region's economy.  <b>ED8B AINTREE RACECOURSE</b> <b>1. Within the part of Aintree Racecourse which lies within the Green Belt, development must meet all of the following criteria:</b>	To address issues raised in the representation of the Jockey Club (P.711) and the discussion during hearings

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			<p>a) maintain or enhance the existing use of the Racecourse  b) preserve the character of the area  c) be consistent with national Green Belt Policy and other Local Plan policies.</p> <p>2. Within the remaining part of Aintree Racecourse, development which enhances the recreational, tourism and conference functions of the Racecourse will be supported where consistent with other Local Plan policies.</p> <p><b>Key Policy Links:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED5 Tourism</li> <li>• MN7 Sefton’s Green Belt</li> </ul> <p><b>National /regional context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liverpool City Region Visitor Economy Strategy to 2020, 2009</li> </ul> <p><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>7.67F Aintree Racecourse is an appropriate use within the Green Belt, in which the majority of the site is located. Development that enhances the recreational use of the Racecourse as a racing venue will be supported where consistent with other Local Plan policies. Development in this area should respect the openness of the Green Belt. It is also important that development does not harm existing outdoor recreation uses in the area of the Racecourse within the Green Belt, due to the special character and function of the Racecourse. This is in addition to the restrictions on development within the Green Belt.</p> <p>7.67G In the area of the Racecourse which is outside the Green Belt (i.e. the Ormskirk Road frontage), development proposals related to tourism, recreation or conferencing, particularly those relating to the Racecourse, such as hotel and conference facilities, will be supported where consistent with other Local Plan policies. Retail uses, including food and drinks uses, which are ancillary to the function of the Racecourse will be supported.</p>	
<b>Chapter 8 Housing and Communities</b>				
MM		8.2	Insert sentence at the end of paragraph as follows: “A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be prepared to provide more detailed guidance to aid the delivery of affordable and special needs housing. This will be subject to review dependent on any	For clarity and to further explain the above modification

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			changes in the Borough's requirements for affordable and special needs housing, based on the findings of future Strategic Housing Market Assessments or other commissioned studies. These studies are likely to be informed by any changes to the definition of affordable housing introduced by the Government."	
MM		Policy HC1	Add a new part 10 to the policy: "10. In implementing the policy, the Council will have regard to: a) the definitions and provisions of affordable and/or special needs housing in relevant national guidance as they may change over time; and b) changes in the Borough's requirements for affordable and special needs housing based on new evidence of need as set out in future commissioned Strategic Housing Market Assessments or similar studies."	To allow greater flexibility and to reflect changes in Government definitions of affordable housing, and the fact that the affordable housing requirement may change over the life of the Plan.
MM	PPM.15	Policy HC2	Withdraw the previously agreed modification to part 1 of the policy ('In developments of 50 or more dwellings, at least 50% of new market properties must have 3 bedrooms or less') and revert to the original wording with one additional clause: "In developments of 15 or more dwellings, the mix of new properties provided must be as follows unless precluded by updated evidence on housing mix, site specific constraints, economic viability or prevailing neighbourhood characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 25% of market dwellings must be 1 or 2 bedroom properties</li> <li>• A minimum of 40% of market dwellings must be 3 bedroom properties</li> </ul> These requirements do not apply to wholly apartment / flatted, extra care, and sheltered housing developments. Any new affordable dwellings are also exempt."	To reflect the recommendation of the 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment and correlate with paragraph 8.27 of the explanation.
MM		Policy HC2	Add a reference to the two recommendations from the Custom Build Home Study to the end of part 5 of the policy. "To identify and provide for those who wish to custom or self-build their own homes the Council will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage a register of interested parties who wish to custom or self-build their own home</li> <li>• Identify at least two pilot schemes to be made available for custom or self-builders."</li></ul>	To respond to the Inspector's recommendation at the examination hearings.
AM		Policy HC3	The text added to part 3c) of the policy should be in a separate bullet point, and should read: "d) it is inconsistent with other policies in the Plan."  After points a, b, and c the word 'or' should be added. Delete the word 'and' after point b	For clarity
MM		Policy HC5	Under Part 2 of the policy add "including from flood risk" to the end of the first bullet	To respond to the Inspector's comment at

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			point.	the examination hearing.
MM		Policy HC7	Amend heading above part 3 to read 'Sites formerly in use as schools, colleges or care institutions'.	For clarity and to reflect parts 1 and 2 of Policy
<b>Chapter 9 Infrastructure</b>				
MM		Policy IN1	With the exception of part 8 of the policy all references to 'essential' and 'necessary' have been removed from the policy as follows: 1. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Appendix 1 and other policies in the Local Plan list the infrastructure required..... 5. Where appropriate, the Council may require developers to provide the infrastructure.... 6. Planning conditions or phased legal agreements may be used to ensure infrastructure is provided ..... It is also proposed to reorder parts 3, 4 and 5 of the policy so that the current part 3 of the policy will appear after parts 4 and 5.	To use consistent wording throughout the policy.  To improve readability.
AM		9.12A	The previously approved modification has been reworded to read: 'Once more details are known on development sites, for example, the approach to surface water management and proposed connection points to the foul sewer network, United Utilities will seek to coordinate the delivery of development with timing for the delivery of infrastructure improvements.'	For clarity and to improve readability.
AM		9.18A	Add a new paragraph 9.18A: "The Council is committed to supporting a range of travel choice to developments particularly providing for walking, cycling and public transport. Accessibility by sustainable transport modes is addressed in policy EQ3 'Accessibility' and guidance provided in the 'Ensuring Choice of Travel' SPD.	To make the link to policy EQ3 from part 2 of policy IN2 'Transport'.
AM		Policy IN2	Insert policy link to EQ2 Design	For clarity and consistency
<b>Chapter 10 Design and Environmental Quality</b>				
MM		Policy EQ2	Add 'height' and 'landscaping' to part 3 (a) of the policy as follows: "(a) Proposals make a positive contribution to their surroundings through the quality of their design in terms of scale, height, form, massing, style, detailing, landscaping, use of materials and meet criteria ..."	For clarity
MM		Policy EQ2	Insert a new part (c) into section 3 of the policy, and re-number the existing part 3(c) as 3(d): "(c) Proposals for residential buildings consider the adaptability of new homes to meet the long term needs of residents".	To reflect the discussion during the hearing sessions.

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MM		Policy EQ3	Amend the final bullet point to read “Have regard to the Council’s parking standards and the recommendations of any submitted Transport Assessment or Transport Statement”.	For clarity and to reflect the discussion at the hearings on this policy.
AM		10.22	Reword the last sentence of paragraph 10.22 as follows: “The SPD provides guidance on undertaking an accessibility assessment (Transport Assessment or Transport Statement) and a Green Travel Plan. The Merseyside parking standards, adopted by the Council in 2009, are also set out in the SPD.”	For clarity and to improve readability.
AM		10.35	Replace the third sentence and amend the 4 <sup>th</sup> sentence as follows: There is a clear link between poor air quality and health.	For clarity
MM		Policy EQ5	In part 1, amend the first main bullet point to read: ‘Hinder the achievement of Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) objectives and the measures set out in an Air Quality Management Area Action Plan; or’ Add a new third main bullet point to say ‘Lead to the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area; or’ Amend the last main bullet point to say ‘Lead to a material decline in air quality.’	At the Inspector’s request and for clarity
MM		Policy EQ5	Reword part 2 as follows ‘Where appropriate, major developments must incorporate measures to reduce air pollution and minimise exposure to harmful levels of air pollution to both occupiers of the site and occupiers of neighbouring sites’.	For clarity and in response to the discussion at the hearings.
AM		10.37	Amend this paragraph to read: ‘Development must not compromise Sefton’s ability to meet national air quality targets, reflected in its AQMAs and Action Plans and other local air quality plans. As well as the individual impacts, the cumulative effects of development within an AQMA or elsewhere will also be taken into account, where in combination they result in a material decline in air quality.’	For clarity, to better reflect the linkages to national air quality targets and policy.
AM		10.37A and 10.37B	Add new paragraphs 10.37A and 10.37B as follows: ‘10.37A When assessing the level of the impact of development proposals on air quality, relevant issues in relation to both parts of this policy are likely to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ‘baseline’ local air quality and the location of the development in relation to existing AQMAs or known air pollution sources or issues;</li> <li>• Whether the proposed development could significantly change air quality during the construction and operational phases;</li> <li>• Whether there is likely to be a significant increase in the number of people exposed to a problem with air quality, e.g. when new housing is proposed in an area known to experience poor air quality; and/or</li> <li>• Other issues set out in local air quality plans or national Planning Policy Guidance</li> </ul>	To provide guidance on how part 2 of the policy will be applied, and to better reflect national Planning Practice Guidance.

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			<p>(PPG)</p> <p>10.37B In relation to part 2 of the policy, the type and scale of both impact assessment and mitigation measures should be proportionate and will depend on the location of the site, the proposed development and the likely impact on air quality. Planning obligations or other legal agreements or mechanisms may be used to secure these measures. Examples of mitigation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and layout of development to increase separation distances from sources of air pollution;</li> <li>• Provision of trees or other green infrastructure to absorb dust and other pollutants;</li> <li>• Provision or promotion of infrastructure for means of travel which have a low impact on emissions, including low emissions vehicles;</li> <li>• Funding contributions towards measures to offset the impact on air quality arising from new development, including those identified in local or City Region air quality action plans and low emission strategies; and/or</li> <li>• Other examples set out in local air quality plans or national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)'.</li> </ul>	
<b>MM</b>		Policy EQ8	Amend the start of part 4 so it reads “Where reasonably practicable, development ....”	To correct a previous error, as agreed at the hearings.
<b>MM</b>		Policy EQ8	Amend the first part of part 4b by adding the word ‘of’ so it says ‘Surface water discharge is targeted using a sequential approach, and proposals for the attenuated discharge of surface water into anything other than the ground must demonstrate why the other sequentially preferable alternatives cannot be implemented.’	To correct a previous error, as agreed at the hearings.
<b>MN</b>		Policy EQ8	In parts 2A and 2B of the policy, delete the references to ‘all more vulnerable’ development so that they relate to all development.	In response to a request by the Inspector to seek the views of the Environment Agency on the previously proposed modifications to the policy, and those of the Lead Local Flood Authority.
<b>MM</b>		Policy EQ8	<p>In section 2 add ‘proposals’ between ‘Development’ and ‘must’.</p> <p>Add to new section 2AA to say: 2AA Development proposals must incorporate an integrated approach to the management of flood risk, surface water and foul drainage.</p>	In response to a request by the Inspector. Also to reflect concerns that an integrated approach to the management of flood risk, surface water and foul drainage is important for all development, and so is

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			Add two new sentences to the beginning of paragraph 10.58A to say: 10.58A Part 2aa reflects the need for an effective, integrated, approach to management of flood risk, surface water and foul drainage. This would include assessment of potential interactions and the most effective ways of managing these, in combination, rather than considering each in isolation. Paragraphs 10.60 to 10.61 are also particularly relevant in this context. ....	more appropriate in policy EQ8 than the text formerly included as a proposed modification to Appendix 1.
MM		10.38	Delete this paragraph.	The paragraph refers to the 'Low Emissions and Air Quality Planning Guidance Note', which is no longer extant.
AM		10.57A	Add ', including an allowance for climate change' to the end of the penultimate sentence and amend by adding 'for' and separating words so that it says 'That is, where infilling of the flood plain or sustainable drainage systems is proposed, flood storage must be provided to compensate for this'.	In response to a request by the Inspector to seek the views of the Environment Agency on the previously proposed modifications to the policy and to correct a previous typographical error.
MM		Policy EQ9	Criterion inserted below part 1 of policy, 'c) Other site-specific factors.'	To address accidental omission in previously approved modification PMM.133.
AM		10.67	Amend the second sentence of para 10.67 to read 'This will be secured through Section 106 planning obligations where these meet the tests set out in Regulations 122 and 123 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 [as amended] and paragraph 2014 of the Framework, other legal agreements, or other appropriate delivery mechanisms.'	To better reflect the range of appropriate delivery mechanisms
MM		10.69A	Insert new paragraph: 10.69A The Council intends to prepare a Public Open Space Supplementary Planning Document to set out more detailed guidance relating to new public open space and its design.	For clarity and to update the Plan
MM		Policy EQ10	Reword part 1 of the policy to address the entire Borough and not just designated centres, and replacement of part 2 to indicate controls over A5 uses. "1. Proposals for food and drink uses will only be permitted where they are located so as to meet all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They would not cause significant harm to local amenity</li> <li>• They would not result in unacceptable groupings of similar uses where they would harm the character of the area, the vitality and viability of a centre or shopping parade or public health, and</li> </ul>	To establish Council's position on controlling food and drink uses, and in particular, Class A5 uses in the vicinity of schools and colleges, as a result of the discussion at the hearings. New evidence has been added to the Examination Library to respond the Inspector's request (MI.13a)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any external ventilation and extractor systems do not:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Significantly harm the external appearance of the building or the street scene</li> <li>ii. Harm the residential amenity of neighbouring properties through noise or odours.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. In order to address the problem of obesity among children, proposals for hot food takeaways [Class A5 uses] within 400 metres of secondary schools and further education establishments will not be permitted. Exceptions will be made where:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is located within a designated town, district or local centre; or</li> <li>• The premises are not open until after 1700 hours."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
AM		Policy EQ10	Insert policy link to EQ1 Planning for a Healthy Sefton	For consistency and clarity
AM		10.79	<p>Amend paragraph 10.79 and add a new paragraph (10.79A):            "10.79 Premises selling food and drink have the potential to have particular impacts upon the visual and residential amenity of an area. They may be acceptable within the Primarily Residential Area if they do not harm residential amenity. In order to protect the amenity of neighbouring occupiers, conditions will be used to restrict opening hours.</p> <p>10.79A In line with paragraph 69 of the NPPF, achieving high quality design and a healthy environment is a key objective of the Sefton Local Plan. The Borough has a higher rate of obese children than England as a whole and this policy seeks to control hot food takeaways within the vicinity of schools and further education establishments. Hot food takeaways typically sell low cost, energy-dense meals with little nutritional value that can contribute towards obesity and its ensuing health issues. When implemented alongside other policies and initiatives, controlling access to A5 uses around schools can contribute to reducing rates of obesity."</p>	Paragraph 10.79 has been inserted to justify proposed modifications to EQ10.2 as a result of health concerns in Sefton
AM		10.81	Amend paragraph 10.81 as follows: "The Council is preparing supplementary guidance, to set out in more detail how this policy will be implemented, in the form of the 'Hot Food Takeaways and Betting Shops SPD'."	To remove reference to Article 4 Direction which is not specifically relevant
AM		10.84	The final sentence revised as follows: 'The verandas in the Lord Street (in Southport) and Birkdale Village Conservation Areas are a distinctive feature and present particular problems with inappropriately designed advertisements.'	For clarity.
<b>Chapter 11 Natural and Heritage Assets</b>				
MM		11.1A	Add a new paragraph at the start of the chapter:	To respond to the discussion at the



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			'Part A of this chapter sets out the strategic and other policies for all of Sefton's environmental assets. Then Part B sets out the strategic and other policies for Sefton's heritage assets.'	hearings.
MM			The heading 'Natural and Heritage Assets' should be changed to 'PART A NATURAL ASSETS'	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
AM		11.1	Amend the start of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence to read: 'Natural Assets....' And delete 'the refurbishment of the historic Kings Gardens, Southport, and' from the last sentence.	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
AM		11.2	Add 'and Priority Habitats' after 'designated nature sites'	For clarity and to reflect the legislation relating to these sites.
MM		11.3 - 11.4	Delete these paragraphs. Paragraph 11.3 is inserted at the start of the new 'PART B HERITAGE ASSETS' section of the chapter.	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
MM		Policy NH1	Amend the title of the policy to 'NATURAL ASSETS'	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
AM		Policy NH1	Delete 'and heritage' from parts 1 and 2 of the policy.	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
MM		Policy NH1	In part 3, change 'ecological network' to 'Ecological Network', and delete ',open spaces of public value' from the second bullet point	To correct typographical errors. The reference to open space is not needed as this is part of green infrastructure.
MM		Policy NH1	Delete Parts 6 - 8 of the policy. Parts 6 and 7 are to be included in a new policy NH9A as parts 2-5.	To reflect the discussion at the hearings.
MM		Policy NH1	Amend the third bullet point to read 'Secure the long-term management of these natural assets'.	For clarity and to improve readability.
AM		11.5C	Add ', in line with the National Planning Policy Framework' to the end of the second bullet point.	To respond to Natural England comments.
AM		11.7	At the end of the paragraph, add 'See <a href="http://www.meas.org.uk/1263">www.meas.org.uk/1263</a> for more information.'	The weblink to the Ecological Network has been added.
AM		11.7A	Amend 'sixteen Nature Improvement Areas' to 'seventeen Nature Improvement Areas'.	A further NIA has been added to the Ecological Network focus areas.
AM		11.10	In the second sentence change 'may help' to 'helps'	To respond to Natural England comments.
MM		11.14 – 11.14D	Relocate these paragraphs to the explanation of the new policy NH9A.	
MM		Policy NH2	In part 1, change 'assessment' to 'Assessment' at the end of the first sentence, and add 'suitable' before 'compensatory provision'.	To correct a typographical error, and to reflect the Liverpool City Region-wide policy approach.

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MM		Policy NH2	Change part 2 to 'Development which may affect other designated sites of nature and/or geological conservation importance, Priority Habitats, legally protected species and/or Priority Species will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that there is no significant harm'.	For clarity and in line with the Liverpool City Region-wide policy approach.
MM		Policy NH2	In part 3, change the text in relation to Priority Habitats to 'where the reasons for and the benefits of development on balance clearly outweigh the impact on the nature conservation value of the habitat and its broader contribution to the LCR Ecological Network'.	In line with the Liverpool City Region-wide policy approach.
AM		Policy NH2	Add 'Circular 06/2005 'Biodiversity and Geological Conservation' as a second bullet point under 'National /regional context'	For clarity
AM		11.17	Amend 'sixteen' Nature Improvement Areas to 'seventeen'.	A further NIA has been added to the Ecological Network focus areas.
AM		11.18	In the first sentence, change 'ecological appraisal' to 'Ecological Appraisal' and change 'qualified' to 'experienced'.	For greater conformity with the Liverpool City Region-wide policy approach.
AM		11.18A	The previously proposed main modification PMM.32 has been reworded to read: '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 the strategic priorities of managing the natural assets better and making sure there is no net loss of these assets will be achieved.'	For clarity and to improve readability.
MM		11.18B	Amend para 11.18B so that it says: 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. For Sites of Special Scientific Interest, significant harm includes adverse effects on the site's notified special interest features, in line with paragraph 118 of the Framework. In such cases for each level of the hierarchy, 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. The focus on significant harm and the approach regarding avoidance, mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision to secure no net loss of biodiversity is in line with principles set out in the Framework, Planning Practice Guidance, Circular 06/2005 'Biodiversity and Geological Conservation' and 'Biodiversity	To respond to Natural England comments.

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			2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services'.	
MM		11.18D	Add the following to the start of paragraph 11.18D "Development proposals and the decision making process on planning applications should also take into consideration the fact that'....	To reconcile the text in the tracked changes version of the Plan which has been put on the web, with that previously approved as a Modification.
AM		11.21	Add 'red squirrels' to the list of species in this paragraph.	To reconcile the text in the tracked changes version of the Plan which has been put on the web, with that previously approved as a Modification.
AM		11.22A	Add ', for example' after 'arising from'	To respond to Natural England comments.
AM		11.23	Add a new second sentence to read 'These requirements are also set out in Appendix 1 of this Plan.' Also amend 'Habitat Regulations Assessment' to 'Habitats Regulations Assessment'	For clarity regarding site specific requirements
AM		11.26	The previously proposed main modification PMM.33 has been reworded to read: 'It is important that the location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision follows the sequential approach set out in the policy. This seeks to target such measures 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.'	For clarity and to improve readability.
MM		11.26C	At the end of the first sentence, change 'Nature SPD' to 'Nature Conservation SPD'. In the second sentence, change 'feeding areas' to 'feeding and roosting areas'	To respond to Natural England comments.
MM		11.28	In the first sentence, change 'principally for farmland birds and pink-footed geese' to 'principally for farmland birds, pink footed geese and other birds referred to in the Special Protection Area designations'	To respond to Natural England comments.
AM		11.33B	The previously proposed main modification PMM.37 has been amended, with 'given that they operate' replaced with 'delivering'	For clarity and to improve readability.
MM		11.33D	Add the following to the start of paragraph 11.33D: 'The NIA boundary will be kept up-to-date as part of the Local Plan evidence. This will enable future opportunities to be taken account of. Future reviews of the LCR Ecological Network will be in accordance with an agreed monitoring process.'	To reconcile the text in the tracked changes version of the Plan which has been put on the web, with that previously approved as a Modification.
AM		11.50A	Add 'and some more formal' before 'parks' in line 1.	To reconcile the text in the tracked changes version of the Plan which has been put on the web, with that previously approved as a Modification.

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MM		11.54	Amend this paragraph to read ‘The most recent Open Space and Recreation Study or Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy and Non-Pitch Sports Strategy are the basis for assessing whether public open space or outdoor sports facilities are surplus to requirements, as set out in the first bullet point of part 1 b) of the policy. Where replacement provision for facilities that are not surplus to requirements is necessary under the second bullet point of part 1 b), appropriate delivery mechanisms, such as legal agreements, must be in place before planning permission is granted. Replacement provision may involve the development of new open space or sports facilities, or a significant improvement in the quality of existing facilities such that they are capable of accommodating much greater usage, for example through the provision of artificial ‘3G’ playing pitches for sports use. Policy EQ9 ‘Provision of public open space, strategic paths and trees in development’ sets out the current basis for judging appropriate provision of public open space in new housing development’.	In response to requests by the Inspector to refer generically to the most recent studies and strategies, and to set out more clearly how replacement provision should be achieved, including in relation to allocations under policy MN2 ‘Housing, employment and mixed use allocations’
MM		Policy NH8	Add ‘(the Shirdley Hill formation)’ to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence of part 1 of the policy, and replace the 3 <sup>rd</sup> sentence with: ‘Within Mineral Safeguarding Areas, as shown on the policy map, proposals for development will not be permitted unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is compatible with safeguarding the mineral; or</li> <li>• the applicant can demonstrate that the mineral concerned is no longer of any value or potential value; or</li> <li>• the mineral can be extracted satisfactorily prior to the development taking place; or</li> <li>• the development is of a temporary nature and can be completed and the site restored to a condition that does not inhibit extraction; or</li> <li>• there is an overriding need for the development; or</li> <li>• the development is included on the list of exempt developments in figure 11.2A.’</li> </ul>	As set out in the Statement of Common Ground agreed with the Minerals Products Association.
MM		Policy NH8	Amend the second sentence of the second part of the policy to delete ‘the Port of Liverpool’ from part 2 of the policy. Replace the 2 bullet points in the revised part 2 of the policy with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘An alternative site within an acceptable distance can be provided, which is at least as appropriate for the use as the safeguarded site; and</li> <li>• It can be demonstrated that the infrastructure no longer meets the current or anticipated future needs of the minerals, building and construction industry or the waste management industry.’</li> </ul>	To reflect that the Port has permitted development rights.  To include the text agreed as part of the Statement of Common Ground with the MPA.
MM		Policy NH8	Add ‘and water’ to bullet 2 of part 4 of the policy as follows:	To reflect the discussion at the hearings.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air and water quality</li> </ul>	
MM		Policy NH8	<p>Add a new part 5 to the policy (with text previously in paragraph 11.71A):</p> <p>5. In determining shale gas applications Sefton will seek the highest levels of environmental, health and social protection and benefit consistent with prevailing national policy and regulation, including that relating to Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. Compliance with industry best practice standards as defined by United Kingdom Onshore Oil and Gas (UKOOG) will also be expected.</p>	To include in the policy, the resolution that Sefton will seek the highest standards when determining applications for shale gas.
MM		11.63	<p>Add 'LAA' in brackets at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence and add a new sentences to paragraph 11.63 as follows:</p> <p>'The LAA is produced jointly with other authorities to reflect an aggregates sub-region defined by Government to include Merseyside, Warrington and Greater Manchester. Matters related to minerals reserves and land banks are therefore monitored and reported annually at this sub-regional level through the LAA. This is the principal component of the evidence base to inform Sefton's future role in facilitating the appropriate supply of aggregate minerals. Sefton will maintain its commitment to the Managed Aggregate Supply System through continued representation in the North West Aggregates Working Party.'</p> <p>Insert a Paragraph break at 'Whilst Sefton has defined Mineral Safeguarding Areas [MSAs], identified on the Policy Map.....' to create new [paragraph 11.63A]</p> <p>Move the final sentence of paragraph 11.65 'The designation of MSAs does not indicate a presumption that resources defined in the MSAs will be worked' to new paragraph 11.63A as sentence two. This will go before the sentence that begins 'However, the policy seeks to avoid...'</p> <p>Add 3 extra sentences to paragraph 11.63A as follows:</p> <p>'Applications for non-mineral development in the MSAs, which are not listed in Figure 11.2A, will be required to include a Minerals Assessment setting out how it complies with section 1 of the policy. The Mineral Assessment should be proportionate to the situation and should have regard to the BGS report 'Mineral Safeguarding in England: good practice advice, 2011' or any subsequent updates. The Council will provide an</p>	<p>To reflect the discussion at the hearings about the regional hierarchy for aggregates.</p> <p>To include the text agreed as part of the Statement of Common Ground with the MPA.</p>

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			Information Note for developers to provide guidance on mineral safeguarding and mineral assessments.'	
MM		11.63A	Insert a paragraph break to form a new paragraph 11.63B as follows: '11.63B Safeguarding principles will also be applied to 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 from marine and onshore sources. However, as the Port of Liverpool benefits from permitted development rights for many types of development, safeguarding of minerals infrastructure would not be enforceable in the port's operational area. If areas within the Port of Liverpool currently used for minerals purposes are no longer available for port-related reasons, the Council will work with the Port to seek a suitable alternative facility within the port estate. Policy NH8 provides for these facilities to be safeguarded in the interests of facilitating the continuing supply of minerals.'	To reflect changes made to part two of the policy.
AM		11.64	Delete from first sentence 'whilst other licenses are due to be awarded by Government in 2015'	To update the Plan
MM		Figure 11.2A	Add Figure 11.2A after new paragraph 11.63B: <b><u>Figure 11.2A</u></b> <b><u>Development Types that do not require a Minerals Assessment</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for householder development;</li> <li>• Applications for alterations and extensions to existing buildings and for change of use of existing development, unless intensifying activity on site;</li> <li>• Applications that are in accordance with the development plan where the plan took account of the prevention of unnecessary mineral sterilisation and determined that prior extraction should not be considered when development applications in a MSA came forward;</li> <li>• Applications for advertisement consent;</li> <li>• Applications for reserved matters including subsequent applications after outline consent has been granted;</li> <li>• Prior notifications (telecoms, forestry, agriculture, demolition);</li> <li>• Certificates of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development (CLEUD) and Certificates of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD);</li> <li>• Applications for works to trees;</li> <li>• Applications for temporary planning permission.</li> </ul>	

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MM		11.65	Delete paragraph with the exception of the final sentence which is moved to new paragraph 11.63A.	Overtaken by proposed modifications 11.63A
MM		11.68	Delete the second part of the first sentence 'and through the annual production of a Local Aggregates Assessment (LAA).' Move the remainder of the paragraph 11.63 [see above]. Delete paragraph 11.68.	Overtaken by proposed modifications 11.63
MM		11.71A	Remove the first two sentences and add this as a new part 5 of the policy. Delete 'therefore' from the next sentence.	To reflect changes made to policy.
MM			Insert a new heading 'PART B HERITAGE ASSETS' after paragraph 11.74.	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
MM		11.75A	Renumber the existing paragraph 11.75A as paragraph 11.75B, and insert the deleted paragraph 11.3 as the new paragraph 11.75A: 'Sefton's distinctive heritage assets include the 'Classic Resort' of Southport, the historic centres of settlements such as Churchtown, Little Crosby and Waterloo and the recently discovered traces of the Mesolithic village found in the Lunt area.'	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
AM		11.75B	Delete 'and' between 'Recent' and 'initiatives' at the start of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence.	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
MM		Policy NH9A	<p>Insert a new policy NH9A 'HERITAGE ASSETS' which includes a new part 1, and the parts of policy deleted from policy NH1 as follows:</p> <p><b>NH9A HERITAGE ASSETS</b></p> <p><b>1. Sefton's heritage assets together with its historic landscape character should continue to contribute to the Borough's sense of place, local distinctiveness and quality of life. Development proposals and other initiatives should contribute positively towards achieving this.</b></p> <p><b>2. The Council will seek to protect the significance of Sefton's heritage assets and their settings. Opportunities will be pursued to enhance heritage to reinforce the identity of the distinctive towns, villages and rural landscapes within Sefton.</b></p> <p><b>3. Key elements which contribute to the distinctive identity of Sefton, and which will therefore be a strategic priority for safeguarding and enhancing into the future, include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The verandahs throughout Southport, particularly in Lord Street, which add</b></li> </ul>	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.

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			<p>considerably to its local distinctiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The historic centre, resort and traditional seafront of Southport including the conservation areas of Lord Street and Promenade, and their settings.</li> <li>• The spacious planned character of Victorian and Edwardian suburban conservation areas such as those in Birkdale, Blundellsands, Christ Church, Moor Park and Waterloo Park.</li> <li>• Country estates, their countryside settings and associated villages including Ince Blundell Hall, Crosby Hall and North Meols Hall.</li> <li>• The dispersed layout and simple rural character of village conservation areas such as Lunt, Homer Green and Sefton village.</li> <li>• The open and flat ditched former wetland landscapes.</li> <li>• The broad sands, dune system and pinewoods that characterise parts of the Sefton coast, and the ancient and modern historic features within them such as the prehistoric footprints and wartime remnants;</li> <li>• The 18th century Leeds and Liverpool canal, associated historic features and its setting.</li> <li>• Valued historic green spaces and their key features, particularly registered Historic parks and gardens, but also undesignated parkland and cemeteries such as Crosby Hall and Duke Street Cemetery.</li> <li>• Important archaeological sites such as village and wayside crosses, moated sites, Lunt Meadows and St Catherine’s Chapel;</li> </ul> <p>4. Designated heritage which is ‘at risk’ will be a priority for action. Opportunities to secure enhancements to safeguard and sustain these assets will be expected to be taken.</p> <p>5. 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. Development should therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure the long-term future of the heritage asset</li> <li>• Be designed to avoid harm</li> <li>• Be of a high quality design which is sympathetic to the historic context of the heritage assets affected</li> <li>• Incorporate proposals for proper repair and re-instatement of historic features</li> </ul>	



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			<p><b>and/or involve work which better reveals the significance of Sefton’s heritage assets and their settings</b>  <b>Where losses are unavoidable, a thorough analysis and recording of the asset should be undertaken.</b></p> <p><b>Key policy links and objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other policies in this chapter</li> </ul> <p><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>11.5 This policy aims to protect, enhance and manage Sefton’s strategic heritage assets, taking a proportionate approach according to the designation and significance of the assets.</p> <p>11.14 Sefton’s heritage assets a finite resource which once lost cannot be replaced. More information about Sefton’s approach to its conservation, enhancement and public enjoyment of its heritage assets is set out in policies NH9-NH14 at the end of this chapter.</p> <p>11.14A Sefton’s heritage priorities are set out in part 3 of the policy. The aspects which contribute to the significance of these assets will be expected to be retained. Opportunities should be taken to enhance the character of these key assets through incorporation of relevant priorities within corporate strategies and masterplans, regeneration proposals and development.</p> <p>11.14B Enhancements might include using an area’s heritage as a catalyst for its regeneration, locating and designing new development such that it reflects local identity and creates a positive relationship with heritage assets, or restoring lost historic features and spaces.</p> <p>11.14B Sefton has a rich archaeological resource and opportunities to investigate it during the course of development will be actively pursued, ensuring sites are not lost without having been explored and recorded, with an emphasis on public engagement and dissemination of the findings to increase awareness of the depth of Sefton’s past.</p> <p>11.14C The Council is producing a Heritage Strategy which will contain a positive and proactive strategy for Sefton in line with national guidance. It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the benefits that Sefton’s heritage brings</li> <li>• The features which contribute to Sefton’s towns and villages</li> <li>• Action Plans for heritage which is at risk, or vulnerable of becoming so, including</li> </ul>	

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			<p>identifying opportunities for enhancement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management proposals for these and for Sefton’s conservation areas which will provide more detailed guidance, and</li> <li>• Identifying opportunities for funding to help enhance heritage assets and their settings.</li> </ul> <p>11.14D In addition, the Council intends to develop a ‘local list’ of heritage assets in accordance with best practice guidelines, enabling local heritage to be more readily identified and conserved when development proposals are being considered.</p>	
MM		Policy NH9A	In part 3, amend the seventh bullet point to say ‘The broad sands, dune system and habitats that...’	To respond to Natural England comments.
AM		Policy NH9	Add ‘the’ between ‘outweigh’ and ‘harm’ in the policy.	To correct a typological error.
AM		Policies NH10- NH13	Where proposed modifications read ‘outweigh harm’, ‘the’ is to inserted before ‘harm’	For clarity and improved readability
AM		Policy NH10	In part 1a) of the policy, replace ‘are important to it’ with ‘contribute to its significance’.	To reconcile the change made to the tracked changes version of the Plan.
MM		Policy NH10	Add a new part 3 to the policy: ‘3. Development which harms elements of that contribute to the significance of a Listed Building or its setting will not be permitted, unless it can be demonstrated that public benefits outweigh the harm.’	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
MM		Policy NH12	Amend the wording of part 1 of the policy as follows: 1. ‘Development within a Registered Historic Park or Garden or affecting its setting must relate well to the elements which contribute to the significance of the historic park or garden and be of high quality design, which conserves and enhances the special interest and function of the site.’	To respond to the discussion at the hearings.
MM		Policy NH12	Add a new part 3 to the policy: ‘Development which harms elements which make a positive contribution to a Registered Historic Park or Garden or its setting will not be permitted, unless it can be demonstrated that public benefits outweigh the harm.’	
MM		Policy NH13	Amend the title and part 1 of the policy as follows: ‘NH13 DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING SCHEDULED MONUMENTS AND NON-DESIGNATED ARCHAEOLOGY 1. Development affecting, or within the setting of, Scheduled Monuments or nationally important archaeological sites will only be permitted where the development does not	

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			harm their significance or setting, unless it can be demonstrated that the development is necessary to deliver public benefits which outweigh the harm. Historically significant relationships between features within the site and between the site and its surroundings must be retained.'	
AM		11.93A	Insert new paragraph before 11.93 as follows 'The Council has a duty to declare as Conservation Areas those areas of Sefton that have special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Sefton Council has a duty to periodically review its Conservation Areas. As a result Conservation Area boundaries can change over time, and new Conservation Areas may be designated or de-designated.'	For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions
<b>Chapter 12 Implementation and Monitoring</b>				
AM		12.6	Delete final sentence of paragraph	For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearing sessions
<b>Appendices</b>				
MM		Appendix 1	Insert new requirement underneath MN2.6: 'provide new public open space, flood water storage, and habitat creation on the adjacent land designated as 'Proposed Open Space.'	To incorporate area of Proposed Open Space, excluding area of high flood risk from allocation
MM		Appendix 1	Insert new requirements as follows: MN2.8 Former Ainsdale Hope School, Ainsdale Development of this site must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the loss of the former playing pitch(es) is addressed consistent with Local Plan policy NH5. This will be achieved via a commuted sum payment (on a per dwelling basis) towards the provision of a new 3G pitch(es) at Meols Park or adjacent land; and</li> <li>provide new habitat and ecological improvements on the adjacent 'Ecological Improvement Area'.</li> </ul>	To reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to playing pitch mitigation and ecology
MM		Appendix 1	Insert new requirements as follows: MN2.9 Former St John Stone School, Meadow Lane, Ainsdale Development of this site must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the loss of the former playing pitch(es) is addressed consistent with Local Plan policy NH5. This will be achieved via a commuted sum payment (on a per dwelling basis) towards the provision of a new 3G pitch(es) at Meols Park or adjacent land.</li> </ul>	To reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to playing pitch mitigation

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		Appendix 1	<p>Insert new requirements as follows:                      MN2.14 Former Holy Trinity School, Lonsdale Road, Formby                      Development of this site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be developed for older persons housing / accommodation (reserved for residents aged 55 and over)</li> </ul>	To reflect the discussion during the hearings sessions in relation to provision of housing for the elderly in Formby
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Add MN2.15 Formby Professional Development Centre, Park Road, Formby                      The Raven Meols Community Centre is listed as an Asset of Community Value under the Community Right to Bid provisions of the Localism Act 2011. The obligations under the relevant statutory provisions and regulations will need to be met, as will the requirements of policy HC6.</p>	To reflect the discussion during the hearings sessions in relation to this registered Asset of Community Value.
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Insert requirements for new site MN2.14A Land at Shorrock’s Hill, Lifeboat Road, Formby                      ‘Development of this site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide for the long term management of the adjacent woodland Local Wildlife Site between the site and Formby Point Caravan Park;</li> <li>• Provide for full public access into the area of woodland between the site and Formby Point Caravan Park;</li> <li>• Extend the existing Formby no. 52 Bridleway through the woodland area from Lifeboat Road to Alexandra Road;</li> <li>• Provide a new 200 space public car park in the northern part of the allocation; and</li> <li>• Provide a new public toilet block adjacent to the car park and secure its long term management.</li> </ul>	To address discussion during hearings sessions and the decision to allocate this site for housing and public infrastructure
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Insert new requirement for MN2.23 Land at Southport Old Road, Thornton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide a proportional financial contribution towards the implementation of the A565 Route Management Strategy (Thornton to Crosby section);</li> </ul>	To reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to transportation and vehicular congestion in the Thornton area
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Insert new requirement for MN2.24 Land at Holgate, Thornton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide a proportional financial contribution towards the implementation of the A565 Route Management Strategy (Thornton to Crosby section);</li> </ul>	To reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to transportation and vehicular congestion in the Thornton area
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Amend requirements for MN2.16 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preserve the setting of grade II listed Lovelady’s Farmhouse and adjacent buildings by leaving the far west of the site (south of the existing gymnasium) open;</li> <li>• be served by a single point of access onto Liverpool Road, located to the east of the</li> </ul>	To address a wide range of issues discussed during hearings sessions

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			<p>existing drainage ditch that runs south from no. 28 Monks Drive to Liverpool Road;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a road up to the land ownership boundary (which comprises a drainage ditch) without leaving any 'ransom strip'. This is to provide access into the western part of the site, and must be completed to an adoptable standard before occupation of the 50<sup>th</sup> dwelling; and</li> <li>Identify opportunities to reduce flood risk elsewhere through a site Flood Risk Assessment, and implement any appropriate solutions.</li> </ul>	
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Insert following requirements:</p> <p><b>MN2.30 Land East of Waddicar Lane, Melling</b> Development of this site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities to reduce flood risk elsewhere through a site Flood Risk Assessment, and implement any appropriate and achievable solutions.</li> </ul> <p><b>MN2.31 Wadacre Farm, Chapel Lane, Melling</b> Development of this site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities within the site to reduce flood risk elsewhere through a site Flood Risk Assessment, and implement any appropriate and achievable solutions. This should include improvements to the capacity of the existing watercourse that forms the northern and western site boundaries.</li> </ul>	To address flood and drainage issues discussed during hearings sessions
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Insert new requirements as follows:</p> <p>MN2.36 Former St Raymond's School playing field, Harrops Croft, Netherton Development of this site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the loss of the former playing pitch(es) is addressed consistent with Local Plan policy NH5. This will be achieved via a commuted sum payment (on a per dwelling basis) towards the provision of a new 3G pitch(es) at Litherland Sports Park.</li> </ul>	In response to a request from the Inspector and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to playing pitch mitigation
MM		Appendix 1	<p>Insert new requirements as follows:</p> <p>MN2.39 Former Daleacre School, Daleacre Drive, Netherton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the loss of the former playing pitch(es) is addressed consistent with Local Plan policy NH5. This will be achieved via a commuted sum payment (on a per dwelling basis) towards the provision of a new 3G pitch(es) at Litherland Sports Park.</li> </ul>	In response to a request from the Inspector and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to playing pitch mitigation

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MM		Appendix 1	Add a 3 <sup>rd</sup> bullet point in respect of MN2.41 Former St Wilfrid's School, Orrell Road, Bootle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>retain and improve the disused football pitches within the site and bring them back into use.</li> </ul>	To clarify the use of the 40% of the site not allocated for housing, as discussed at the hearings.
MM		Appendix 1	Insert new requirements as follows: MN2.45 Former St Mary's Primary School playing fields, Waverley Street, Bootle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the loss of the former playing pitch(es) is addressed consistent with Local Plan policy NH5. This will be achieved via a commuted sum payment (on a per dwelling basis) towards the provision of a new 3G pitch(es) at Litherland Sports Park.</li> </ul>	In response to a request from the Inspector and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions in relation to playing pitch mitigation
MM		Appendix 1	Retract previously proposed modification approved on 1 October 2015: 'Ensure a holistic approach to the preparation and implementation of a foul water drainage strategy and a sustainable surface water drainage strategy.' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MN2.4 Land at Moss Lane</li> <li>MN2.5 Land at Crowland Street, Southport</li> <li>MN2.16 Land at Liverpool Road, Formby</li> <li>MN2.29 Former Prison Site, Park Lane, Maghull</li> <li>MN2.46 Land east of Maghull.</li> </ul>	To avoid repetition and prevent unnecessary confusion
MM		Appendix 1	Amend 'Habitat Regulations Assessment' to 'Habitats Regulations Assessment'	Typographical correction
MM		2	Add 'Liverpool Bay SPA' to the list of internationally important designated nature sites in Appendix 2.	To correct an omission and to reconcile the change made to the tracked changes version of the Plan.
MM		3	Monitoring Framework updated and expanded to list implications of not meeting targets	To address discussions that have taken place during the hearings
MM		3	Change final column of table to 'Action undertaken if target not met'  Amend indicator 1 target to '6 years by 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017...' and the footnote to 'Five years plus 20% as per paragraph 47 of NPPF'.  Amend indicator 4 target to 'no loss'	For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions To reflect agreed Council position  For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions

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			Amend indicator 24 target to '200 by 2018/9'. Amend the footnote to say 'this is based on the total anticipated Local Plan Affordable Housing Delivery as set out at Appendix 2 of the Housing Technical Paper.'  Amend indicator 63 target from 'No target' to 'increase'	To set more realistic target  For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions
AM		3	Additional Modifications required to be clear that some information is not available for the past year and to clarify some targets Indicators 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 27, 31, 32, 33, 37, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 68 and 70  Under 'baseline' change wording to 'no data/not available' Indicator 11  Under 'Target or direction of travel' change wording to: 'Consulted on by 2016. <u>Dates for approval and implementation will be determined by the Highways Agency at later stage. The Monitoring Framework will be updated to reflect this at the appropriate time</u> .'  Indicator 38 Under 'Target or direction of travel' change wording to: ' <u>No Inappropriate approvals</u> '	For clarity and to reflect discussion during hearings sessions
AM		4	Amend the name of the proposed 'Public Open Space, Trees and Landscaping SPD' to 'Public Open Space SPD'.	Trees and Landscaping are now to be included in the Mew Housing SPD.
MM		4	Include the 'House Extensions SPD'	To address previous omissions
MM		5	Inserting references to policies MN6A, ED8A, ED8B and NH9A	To reflect new policy additions and to meet Regulation 8(5)
AM		5	On the penultimate page change 'Hose' to 'House' in the 3rd line of the title of policy HC4 On the final page replace 'Retail Uses with the Potential to Harm Health SPD' with 'Hot Food Takeaways and Betting Shops SPD'	To correct a typographical error and to update the Plan
<b>Policy Map</b>				
MM		MN2.1	It is proposed to remove the eastern fringe of the site which is in Flood Zone 3 form part of the site allocation to Primarily Residential Area.	To reflect the conclusions of the FRA for the site.
MM		MN2.6	Site area and boundary amended	To incorporate area of Proposed Open

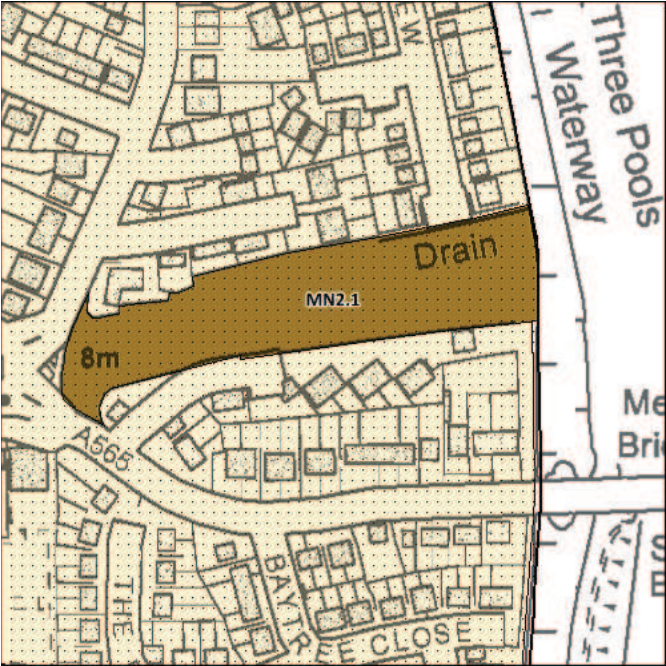
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				Space
MM		MN2.4	Moss Lane - Revised plan showing the area allocated for housing and the area retained as public open space (inset map show below).	To reflect the discussion at the Local Plan hearings, and new policy MN6A approved on 5 November 2015
MM		MN2.8	Ainsdale Hope - Revised plan showing the area allocated for housing and the area to be retained for ecological enhancement (inset map show below).	To reflect the discussion at the Local Plan hearings
MM		Policy NH8	Policy Map updated to include 14 <sup>th</sup> round blocks of licenses, including three new license areas for onshore hydrocarbon extraction (inset map show below).	To update the Plan
MM		Policy Map	For the white land next to site MN2.18, amend the boundary of the area of white land to align with the boundary of MN2.18. <i>[See inset map below]</i>	To make sure that the sites align and to reflect the policy approach.
MM		Policy Map	Change the Aintree Racecourse site from ED5 to a new 'designation' ED8B - Aintree Racecourse. <i>[See inset map below]</i>	To reflect the proposed new policy ED8B – Aintree Racecourse, and for consistency.
MM		Policy Map	Amend the boundary of the NH5 open space at Oaklands Avenue, Crosby. <i>[See inset map below]</i>	To show the correct boundary of the site.
MM		Policy Map	In the key, change to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Policy NH5 – Open Space (showing only sites in the urban areas)' from 'Policy NH5 – Open Space ....'</li> <li>• 'Policy ED8A – Southport Marine Park' from 'Policy ED8 Southport Marine Park'</li> <li>• 'Policy ED8B – Aintree Racecourse' from 'Policy ED5- Aintree....'</li> </ul>	For conformity with the written statement and proposed modifications already approved by the Council .
MM		Policy Map	ED2 Town and District Centre boundaries, Primary Shopping Areas and frontages updated (including Southport, Bootle, Maghull, Crosby, Formby and Waterloo). Legend amended accordingly also.	Based on recommendations of the 2015 Retail Strategy and discussion during the hearings sessions
MM		Policy Map	MN7 A minor adjustment at Waddicar Lane, Melling to provide a neater and more logical Green Belt boundary, and to mirror the approach taken to the existing properties north east of site MN2.8.	The land is already occupied by a large property and a substantial outbuilding.
MM		Policy Map	MN7 A very minor adjustment at Kenyons Lane/A59, Lydiat to provide a neater and more logical Green Belt boundary, and to facilitate necessary upgrades to the junction in association with the development of the adjacent site.	For clarity
MM		Policy Map	MN7 A minor adjustment at Sandown Park, Aintree to provide a neater and more logical	The proposed adjustment would move the



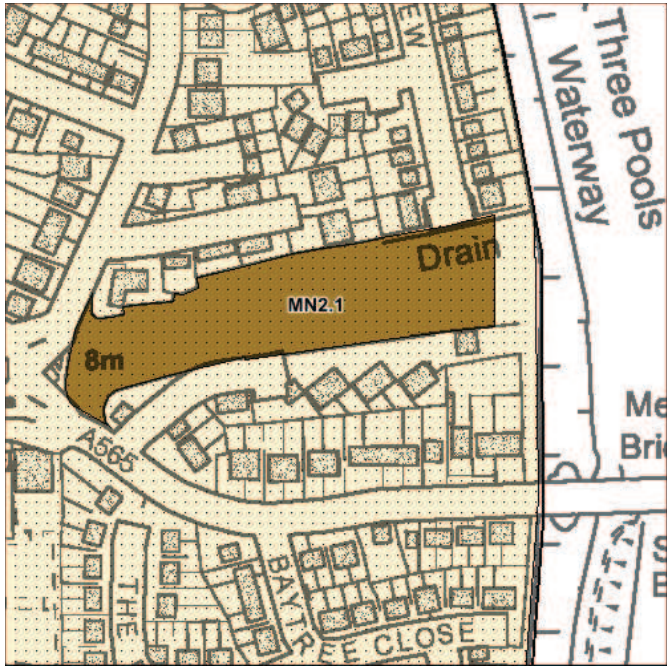
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			Green Belt boundary. The Green Belt boundary currently runs through the middle of the back gardens of properties fronting Sandown Park.	Green Belt boundary to the end these gardens, to correspond with the alignment of the River Alt and the M58.
MM		Policy Map	HC3 Amendments to Primarily Residential Area at Orrell Lane, Bootle	To reflect changes on the ground since the UDP was adopted. Most of this site has now been developed for a new Asda, and the remainder is currently subject to an application for residential development. No part of the site has been used for employment purposes for at least 25 years.
MM		NH5	Include the white area which contains the model railway as part of the adjacent open space.	To correct an anomaly.

MN2.1 Bartons Close, Southport boundary amended to address Environment Agency concerns and exclude Flood Zone 3 area

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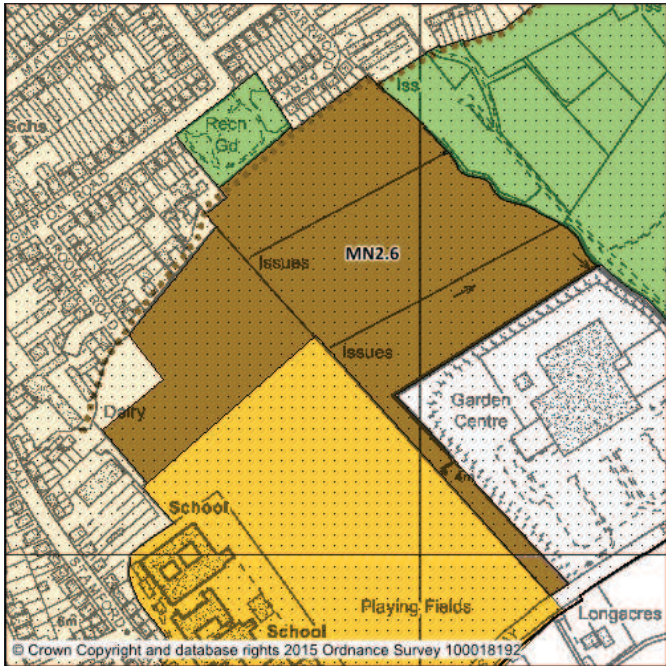


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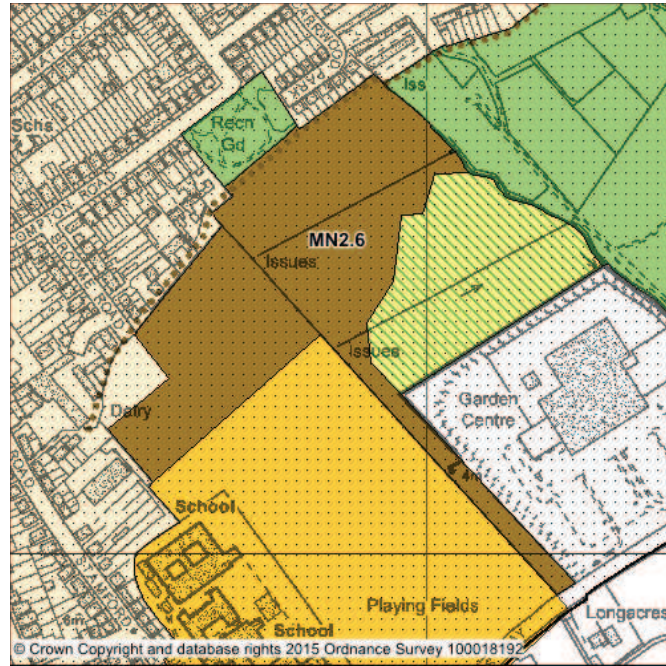


MN2.6 Land adjacent to Dobbies Garden centre site area amended to incorporate area of Proposed Open Space

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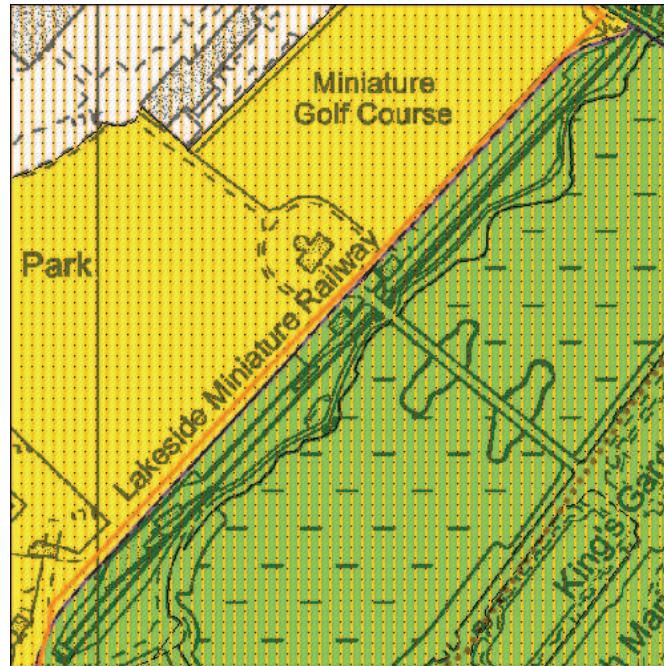
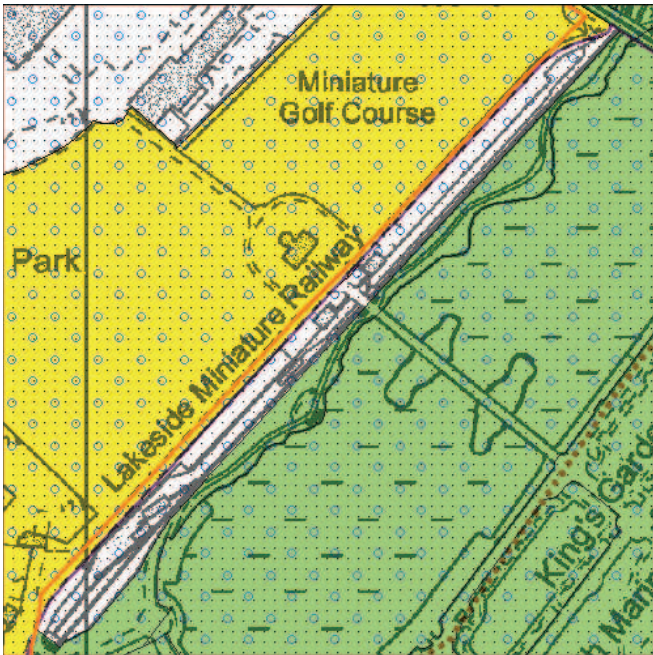
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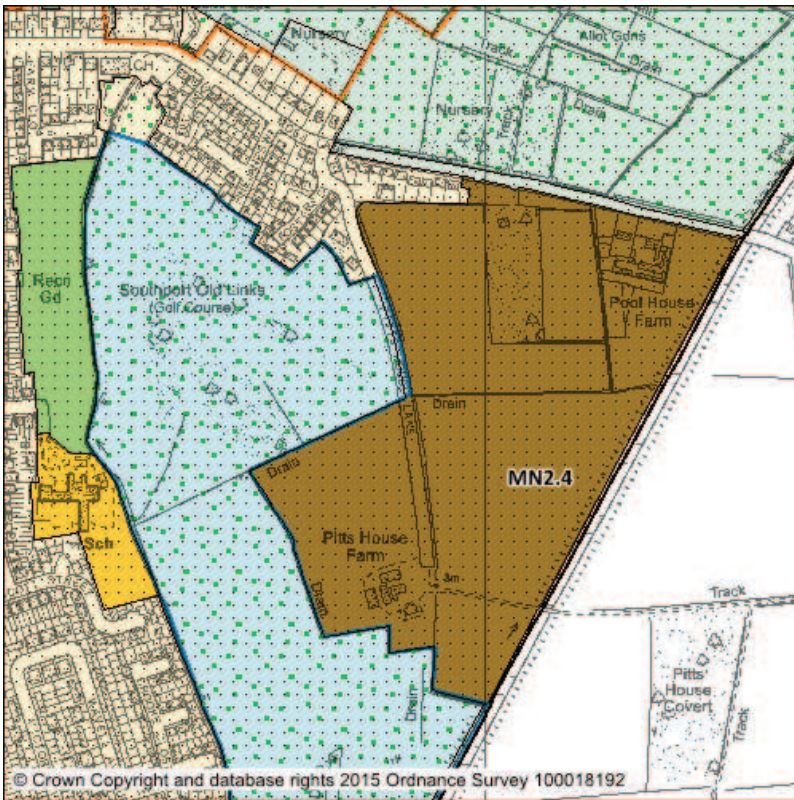
Lakeside at Southport NH5 Open Space boundary amended

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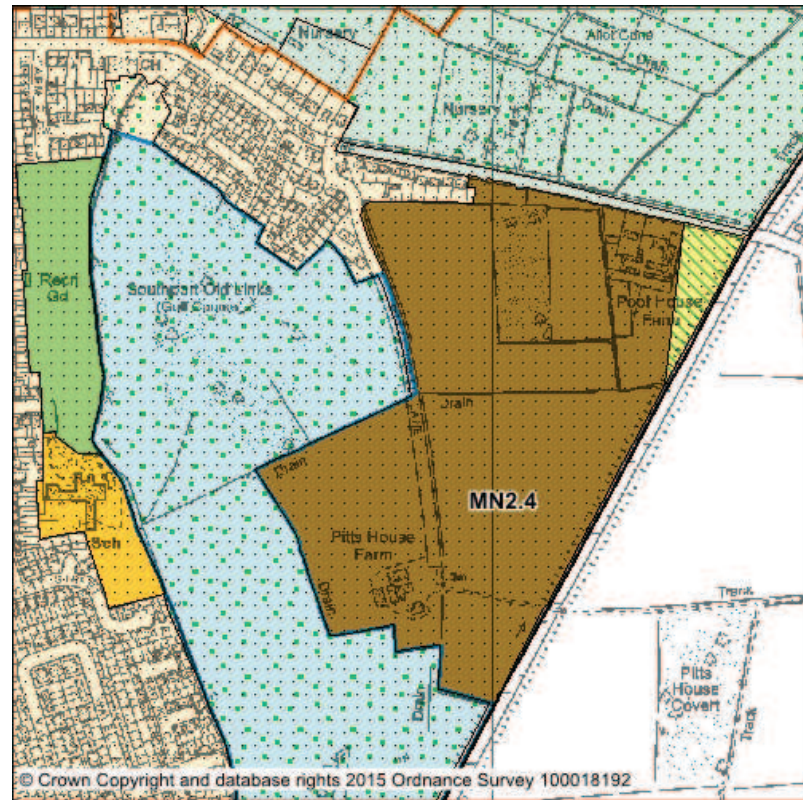
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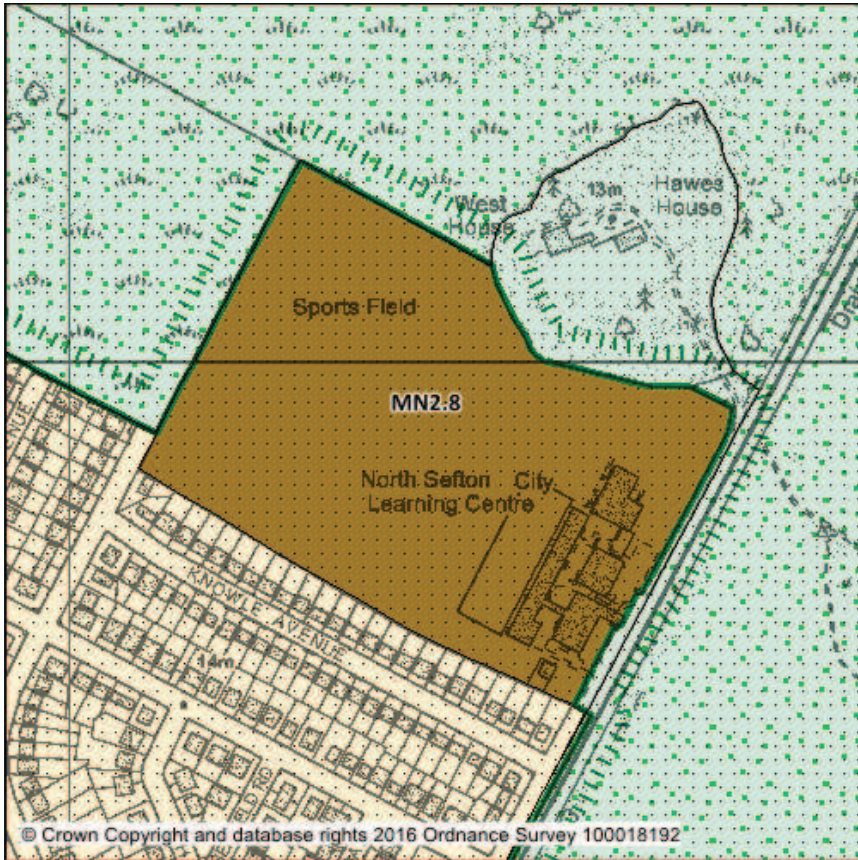
MN2.4 Moss Lane at time of Submission (July 2015)



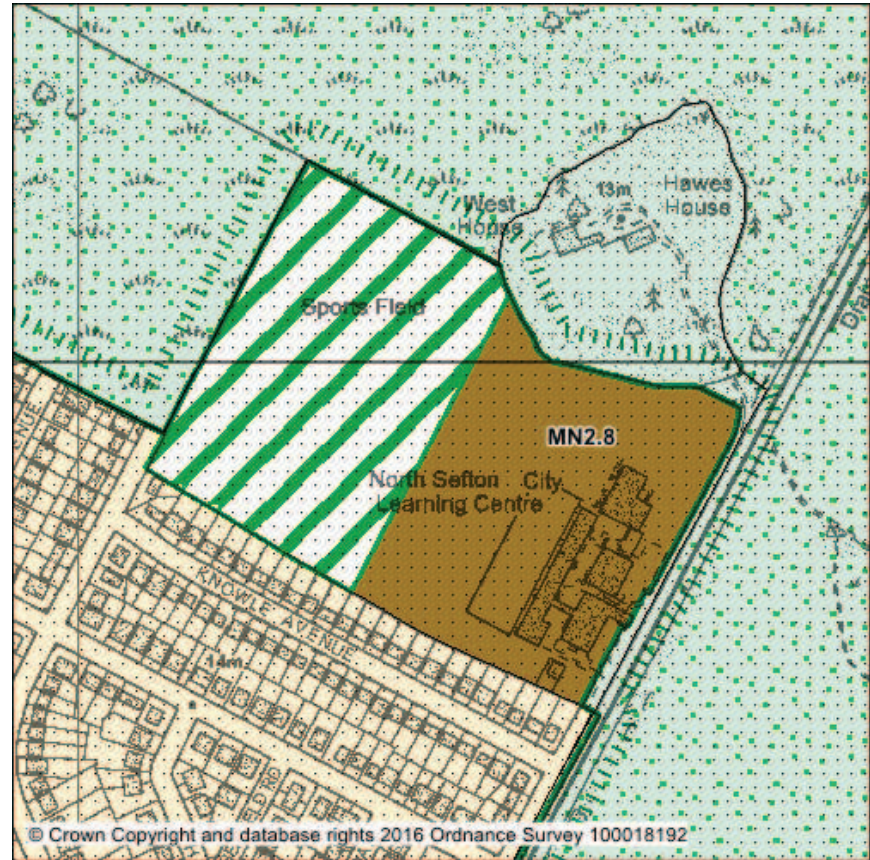
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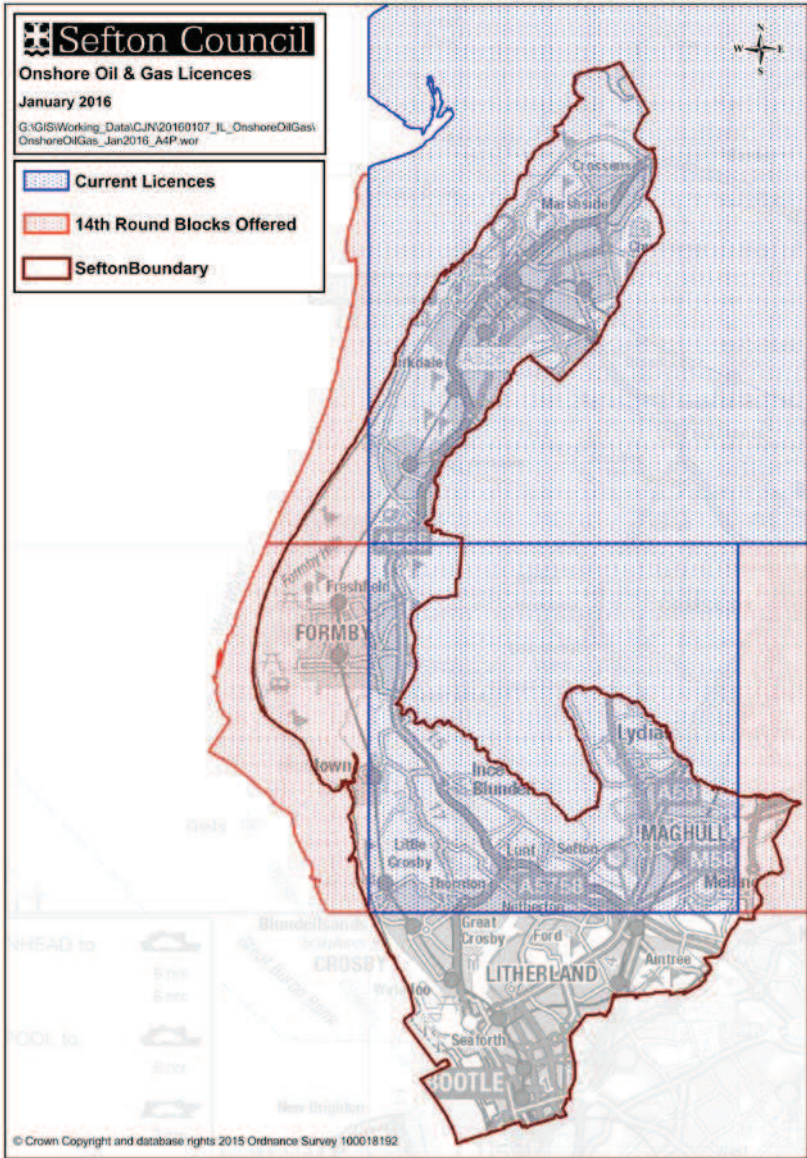
MN2.8 Former Ainsdale Hope School, Ainsdale



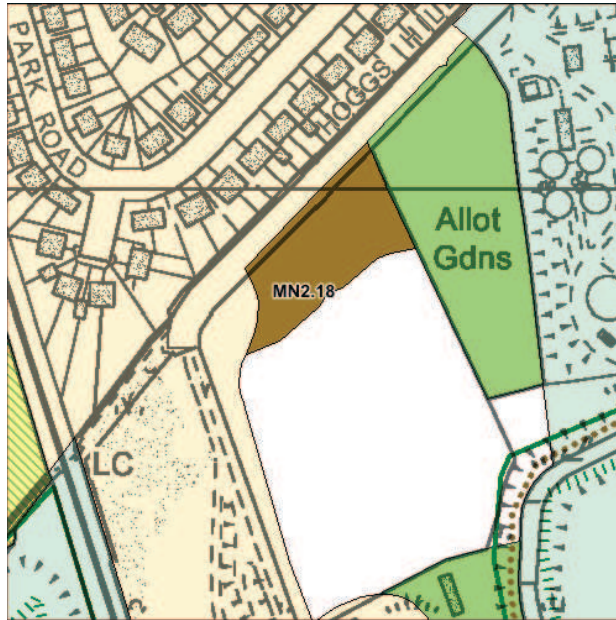
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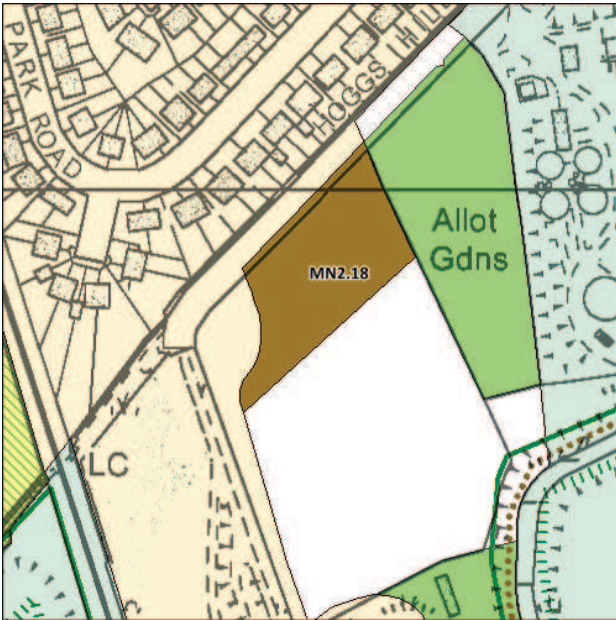
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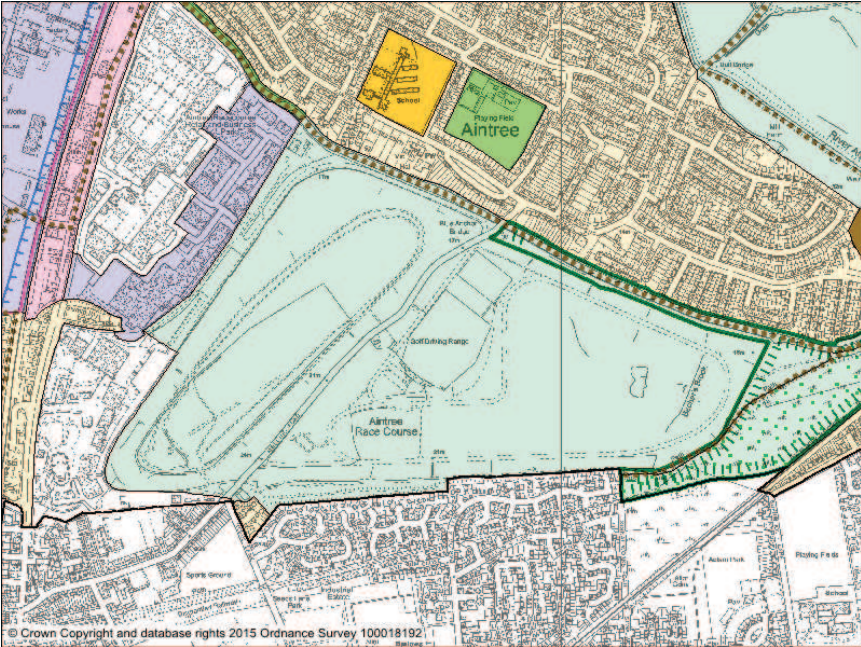


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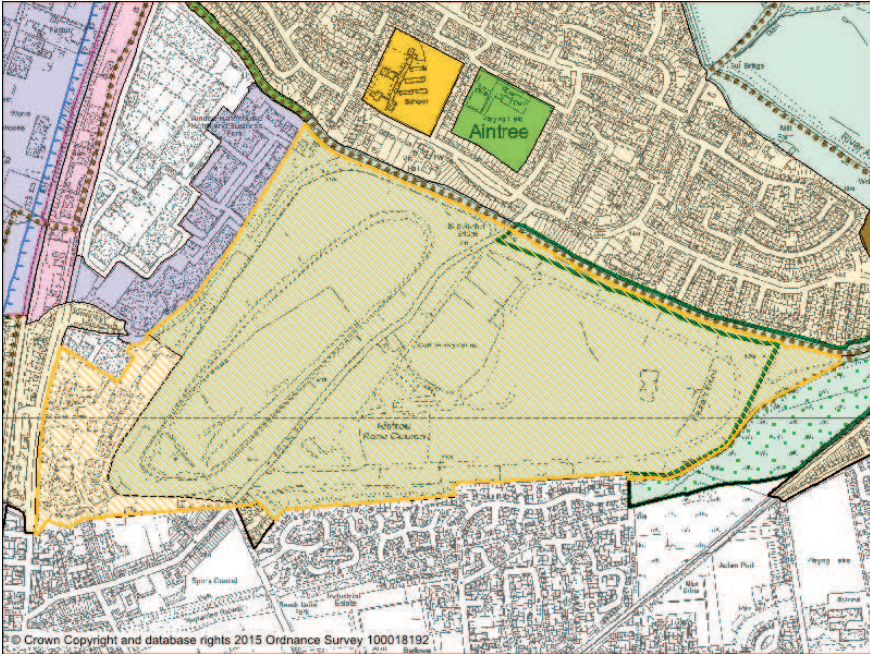




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Proposed changes - ED8B Aintree Racecourse



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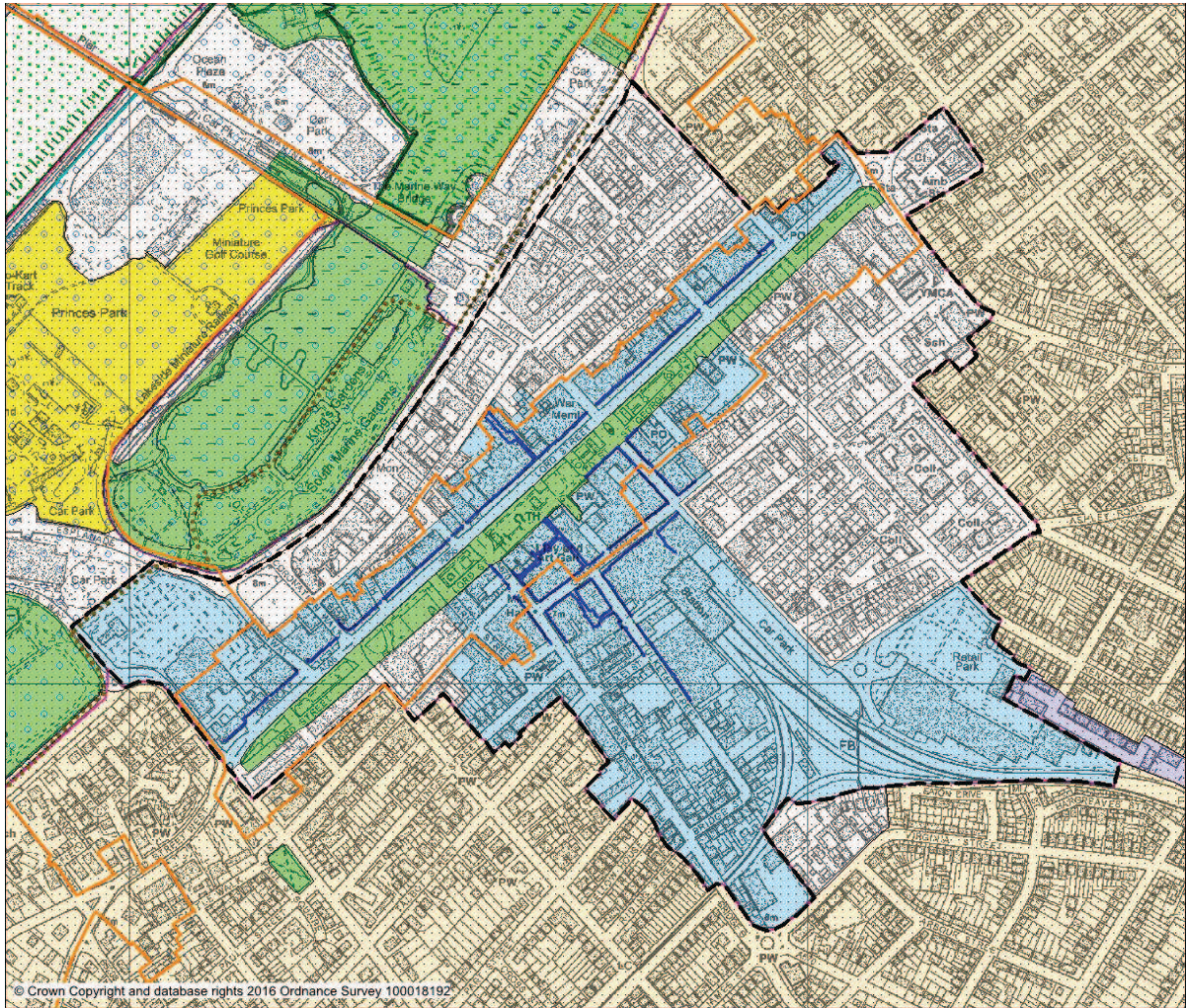
See WYG Advice Note February 2016 to Inspector's Comments and Retail Representations for detailed justification of policy map modifications.

### Town Centre Legend

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	Policy ED3 - Employment Allocations
	Policy ED6 - Regeneration Sites
	Policy ED7 - Southport Central Area
	Policy ED8 - Southport Seafront
	Policy ED8A - Southport Marine Park
	Policy EQ9 - Strategic Paths
	Policy HC3 - Primarily Residential Areas
	Policy NH2 - Nature Sites
	Policy NH4 - Coastal Change Management Area
	Policy NH5 - Open Space
	Policy NH5 - Countryside Recreation Area
	Policy NH8 - Mineral License Areas
	Policy NH11 - Conservation Areas
	Policy NH12 - Registered Parks and Gardens

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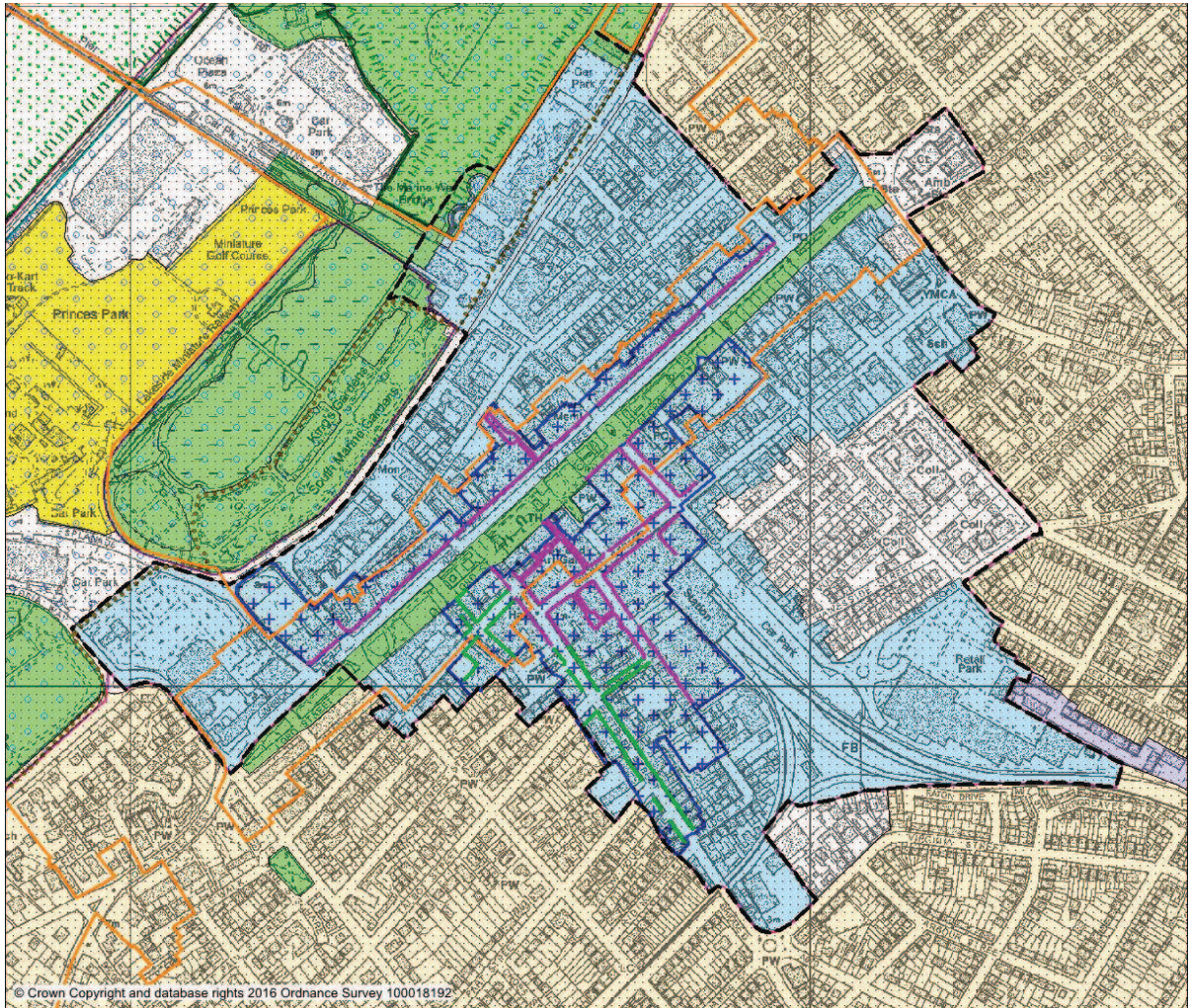
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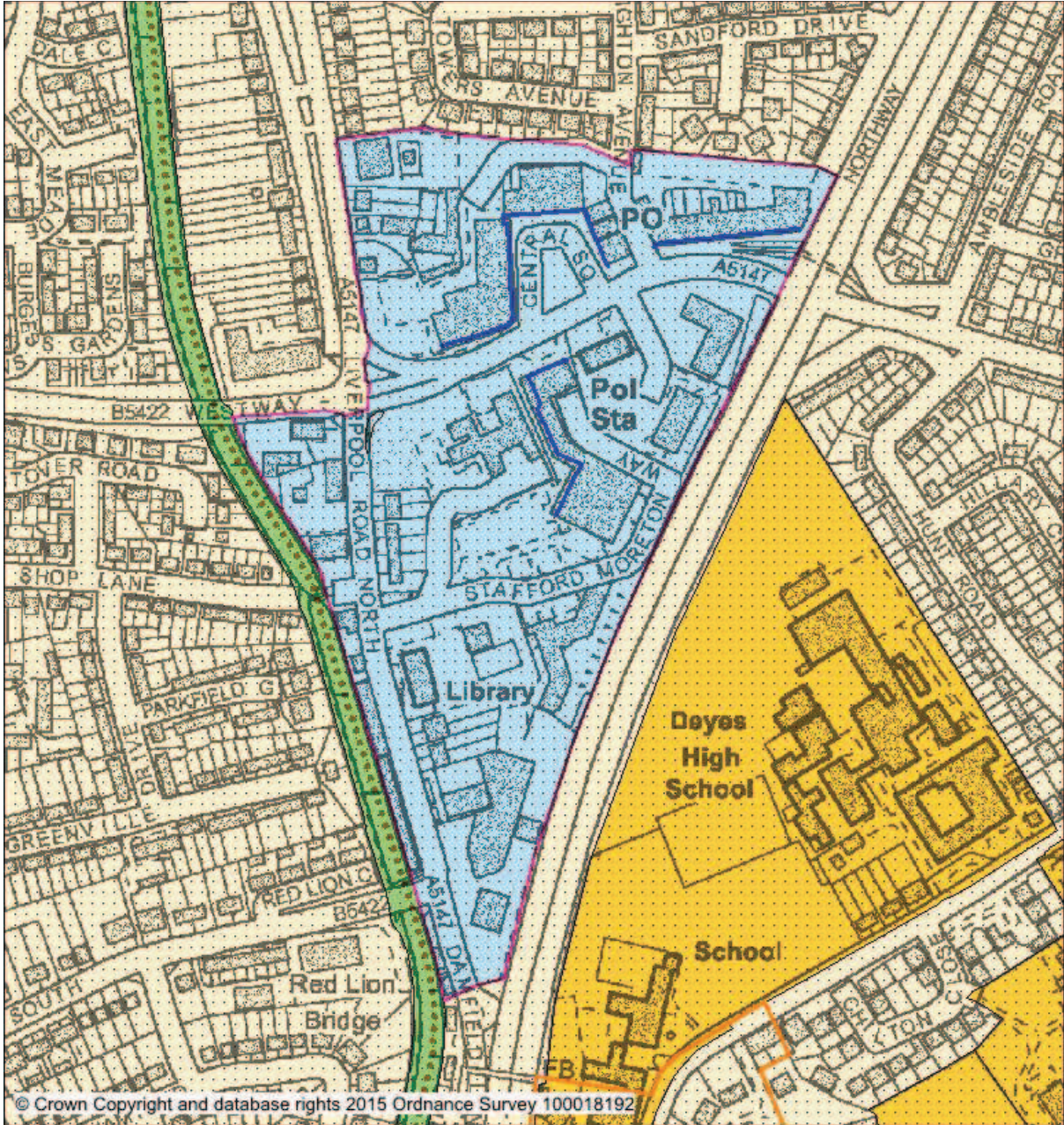
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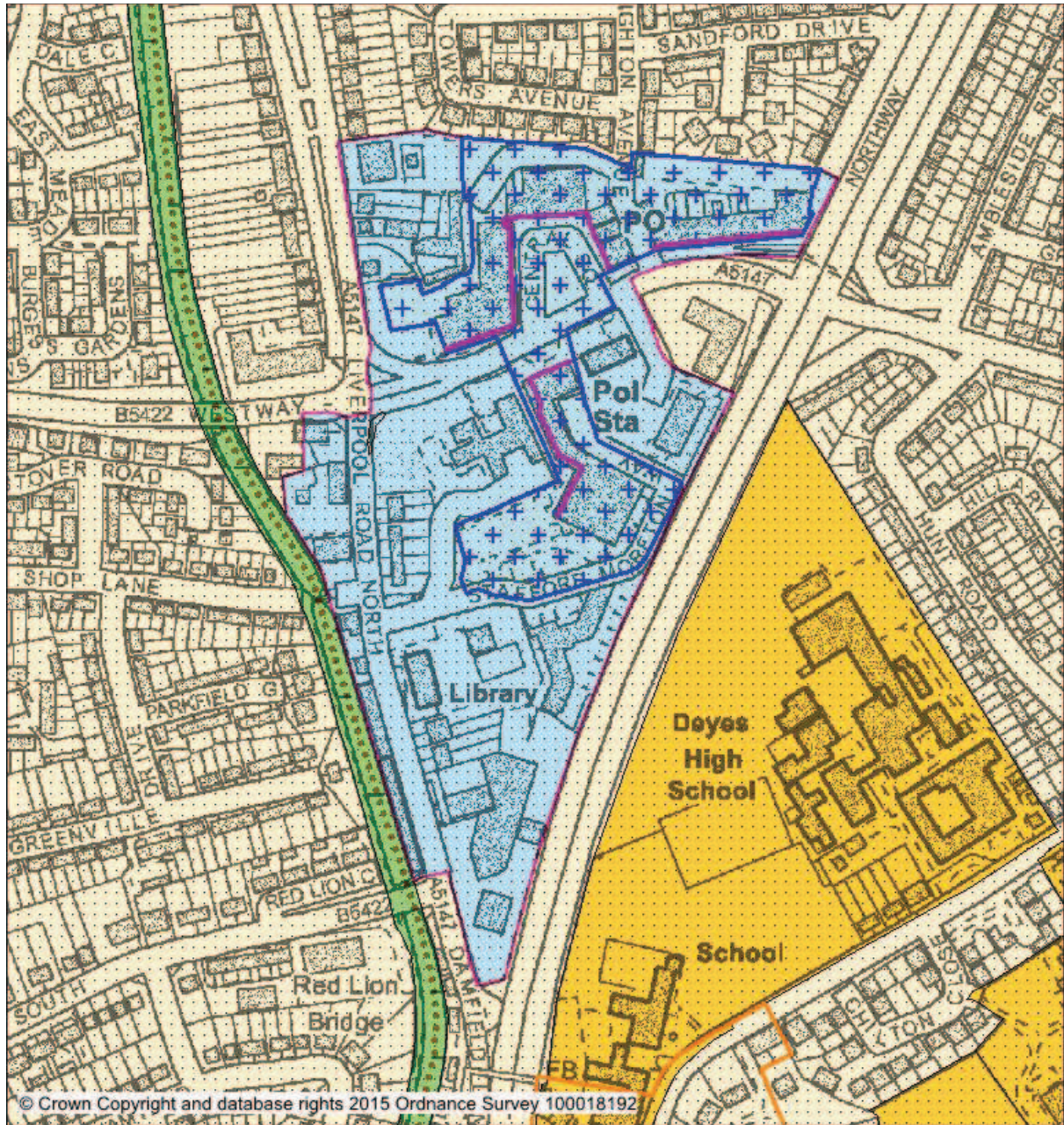
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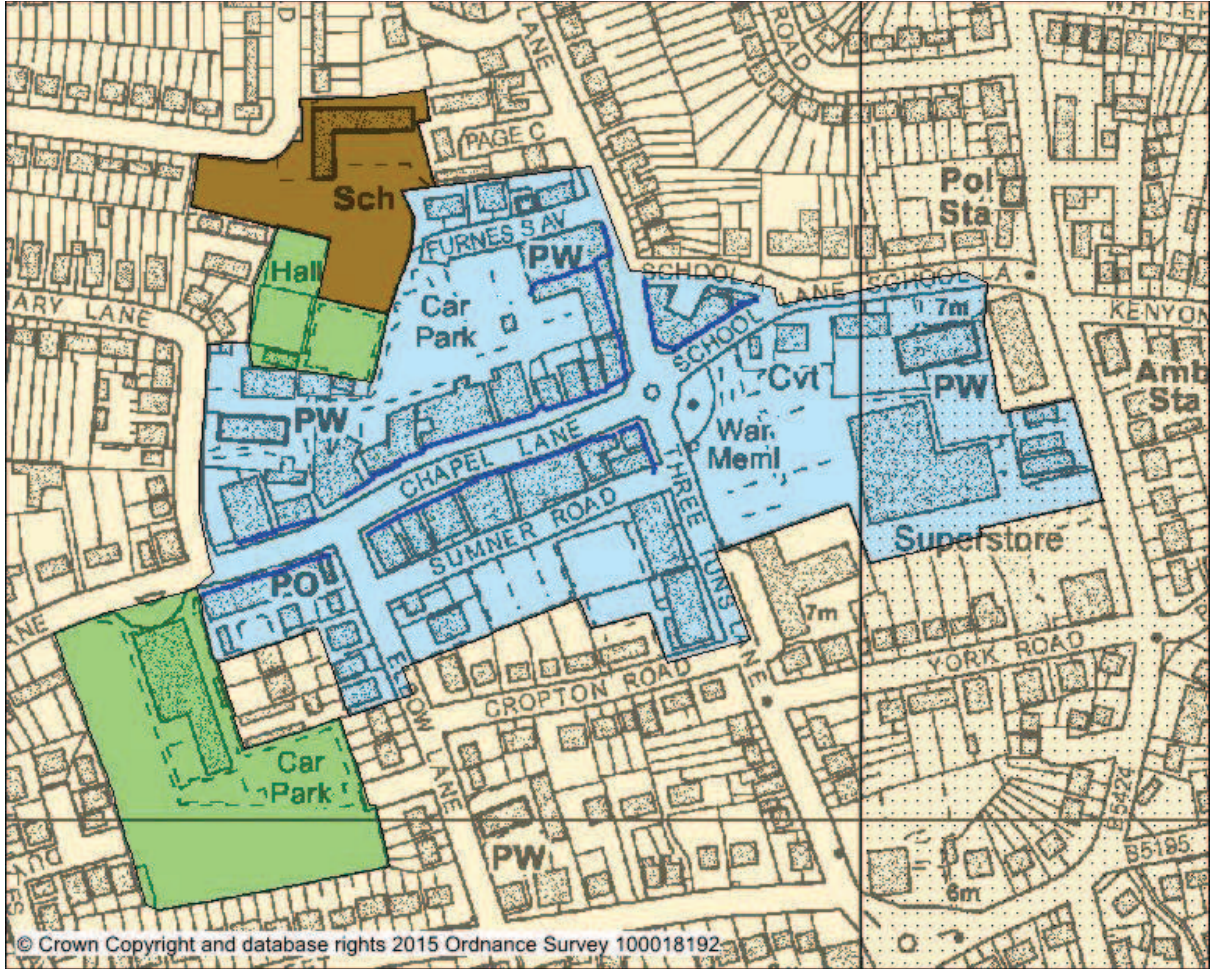
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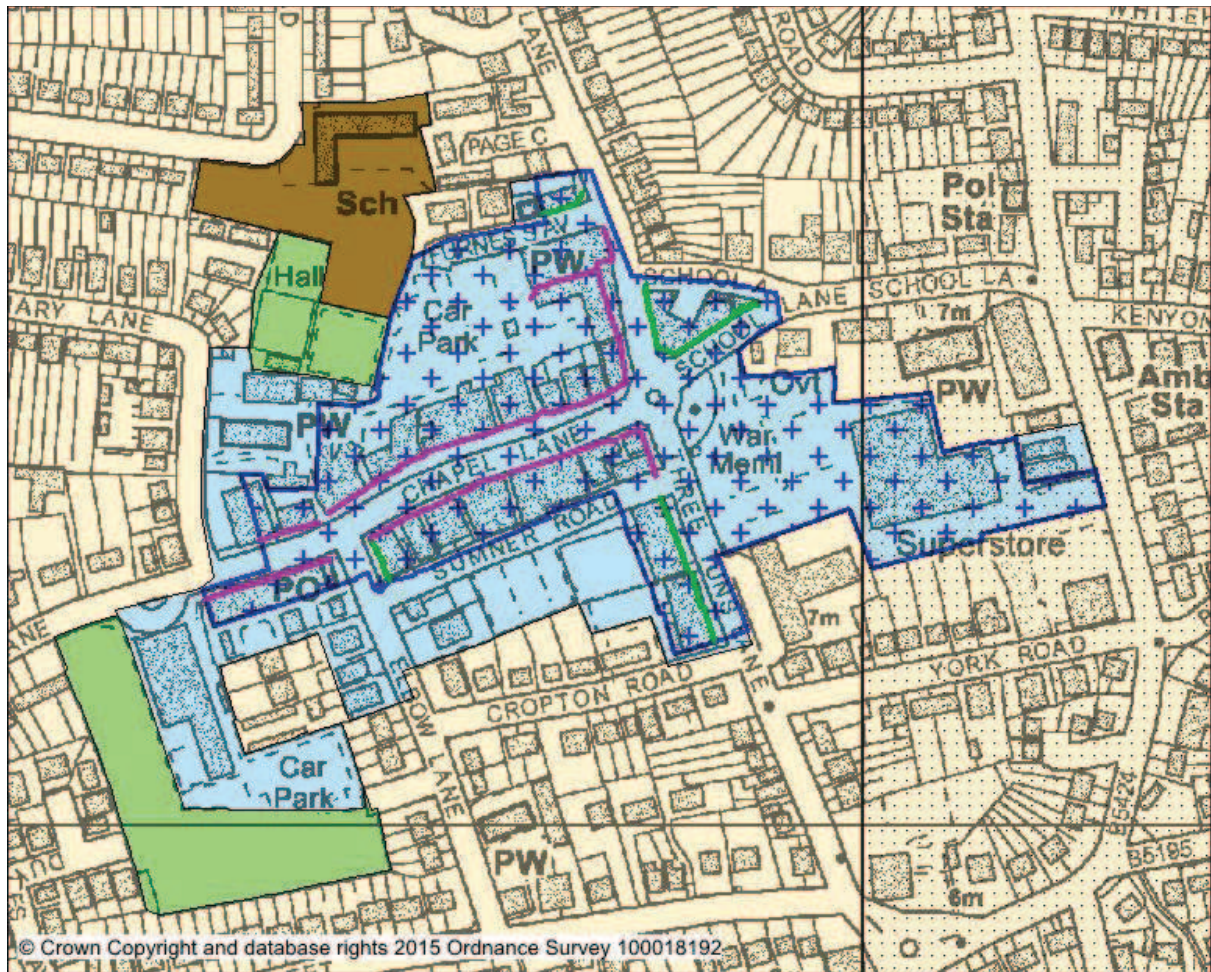
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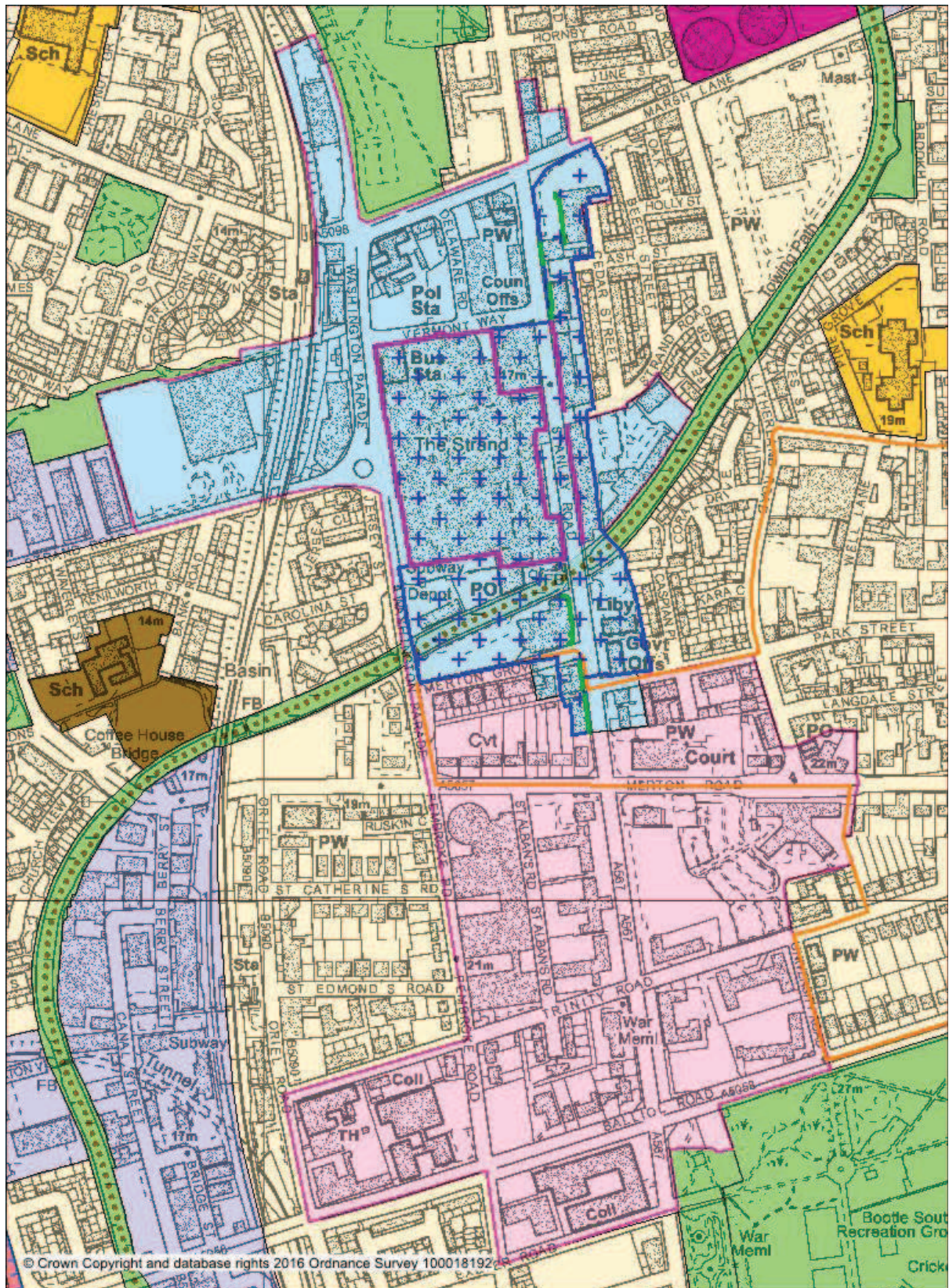




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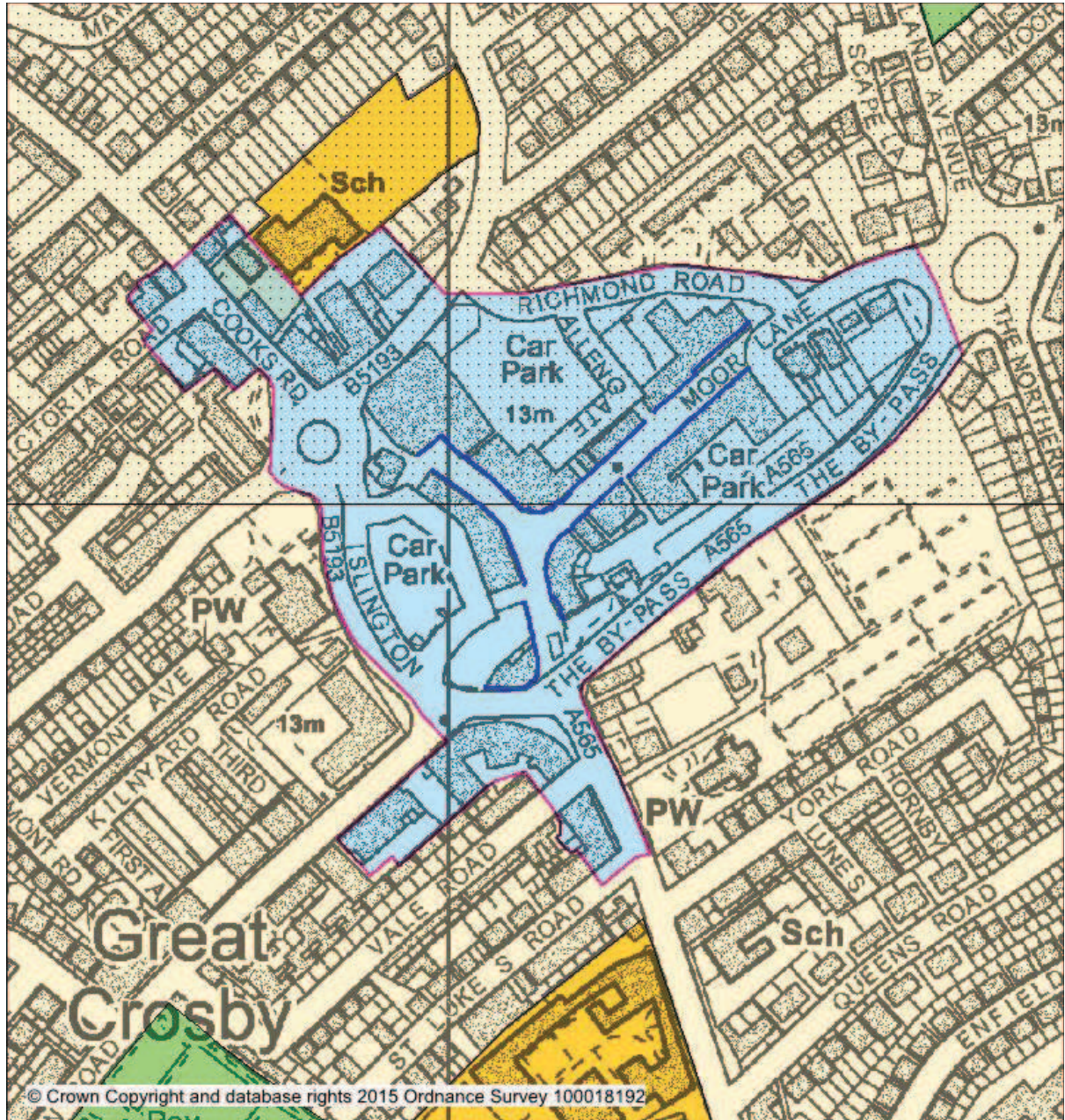
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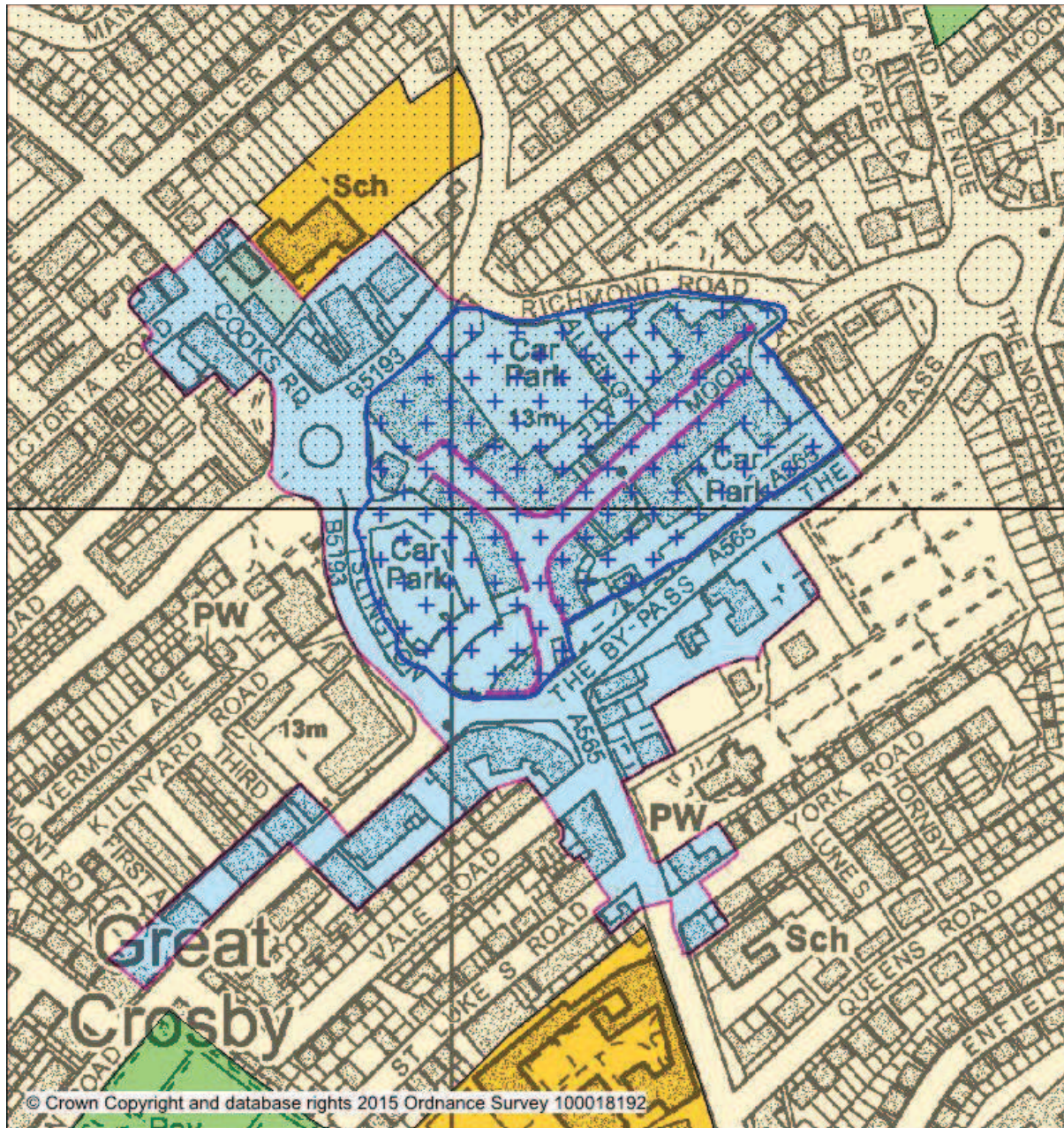
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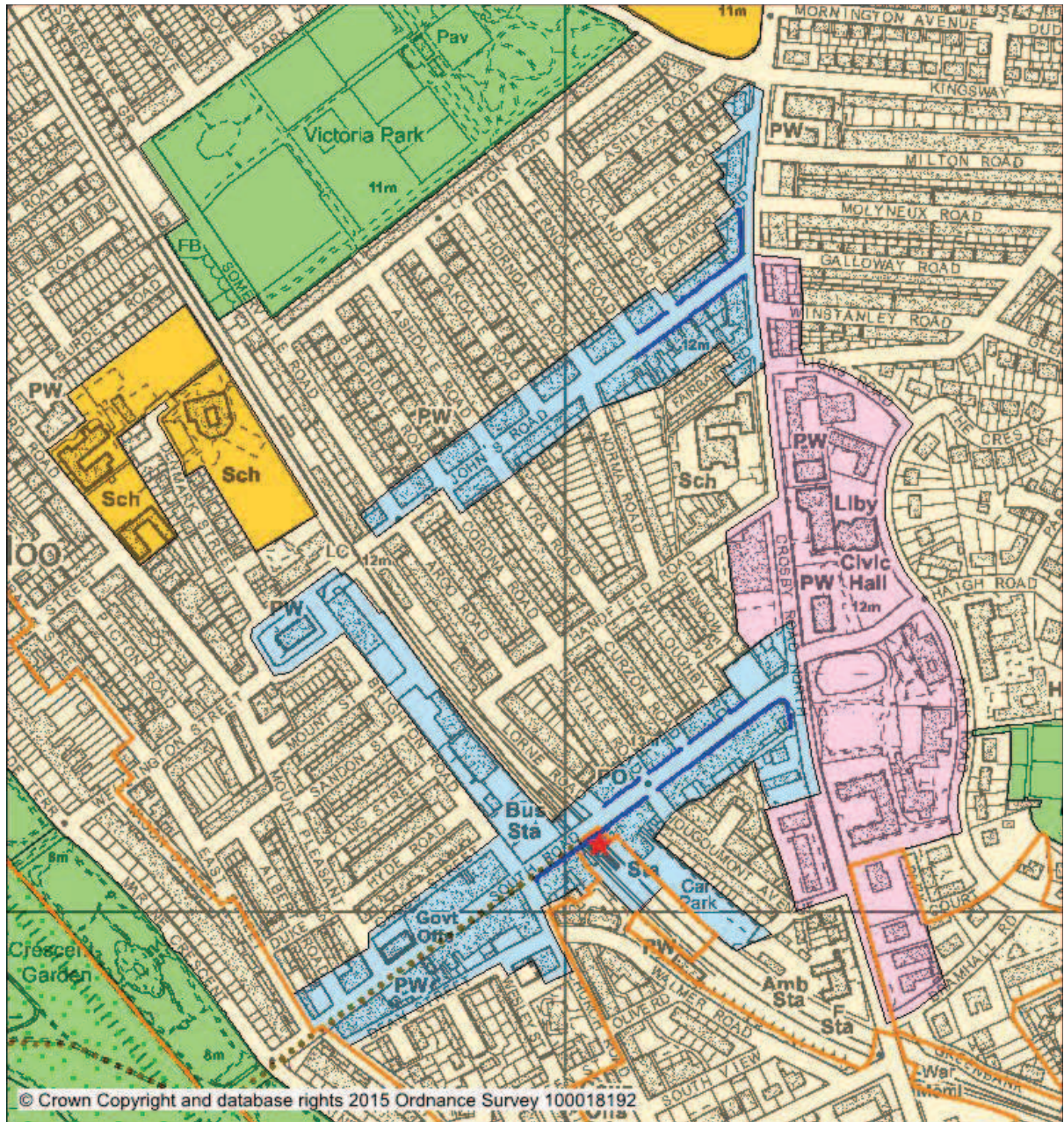
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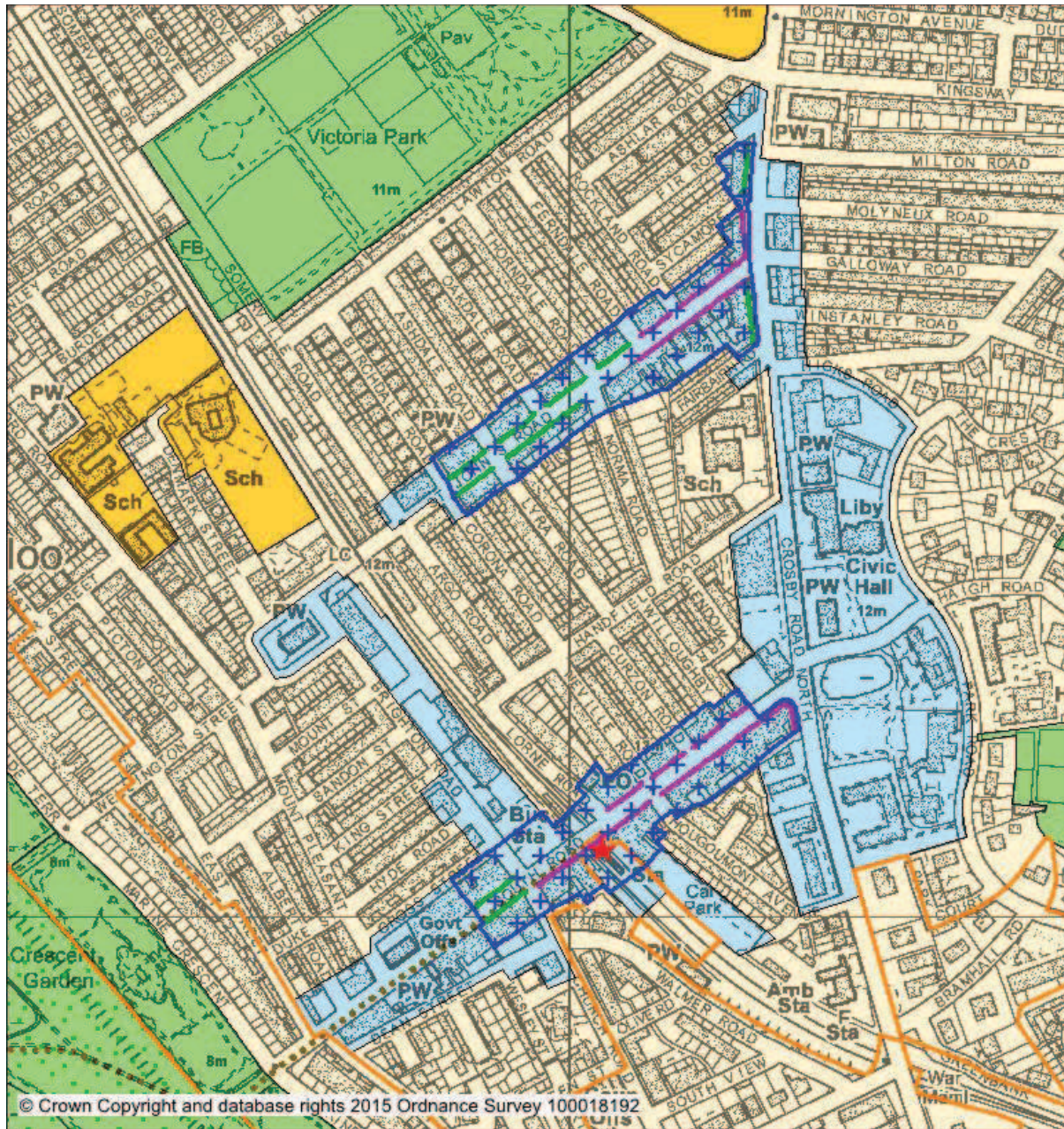
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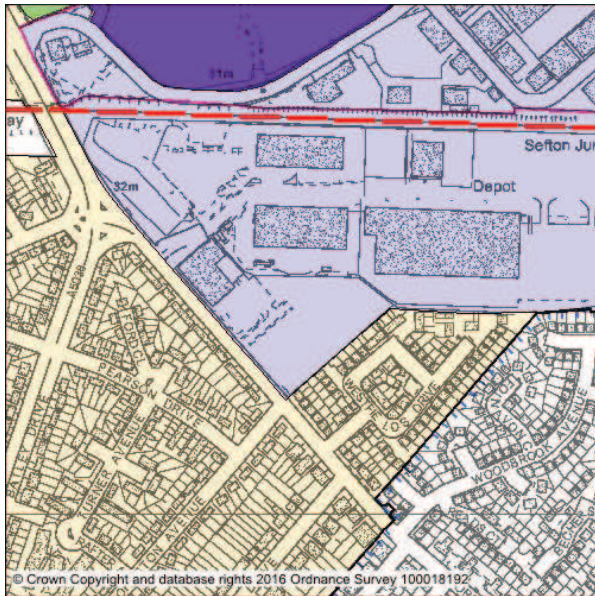
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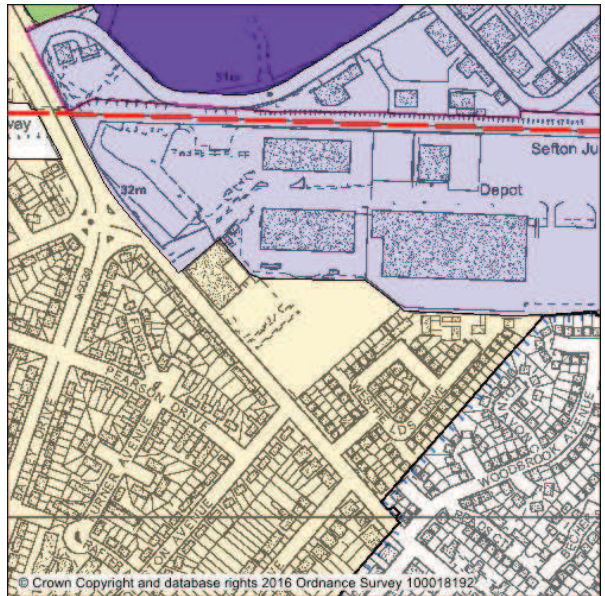
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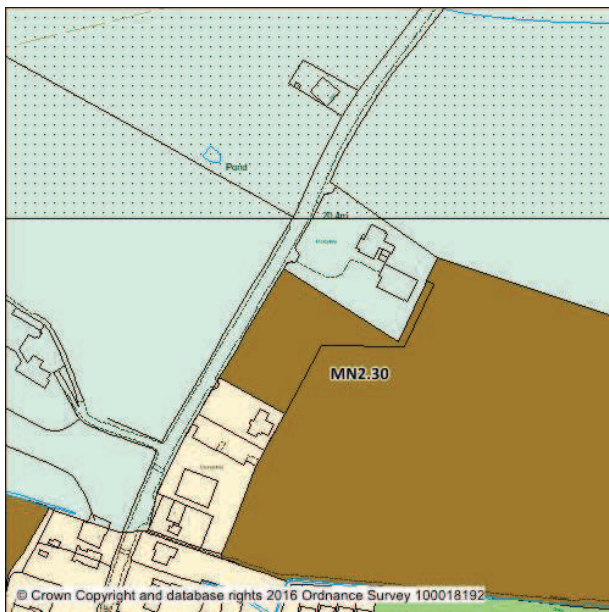
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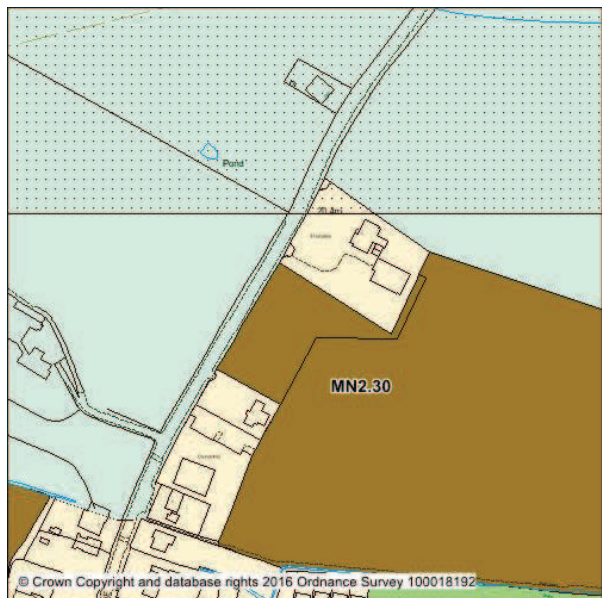
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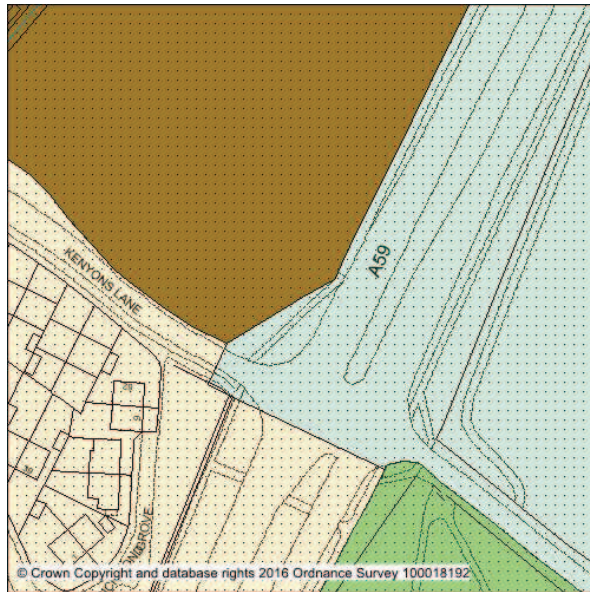
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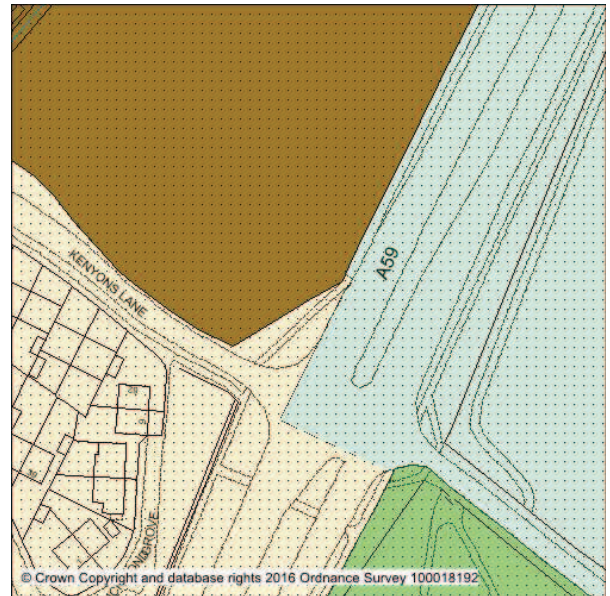
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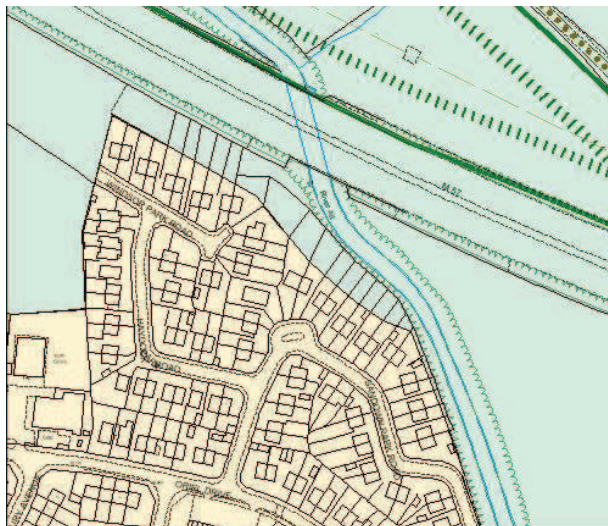
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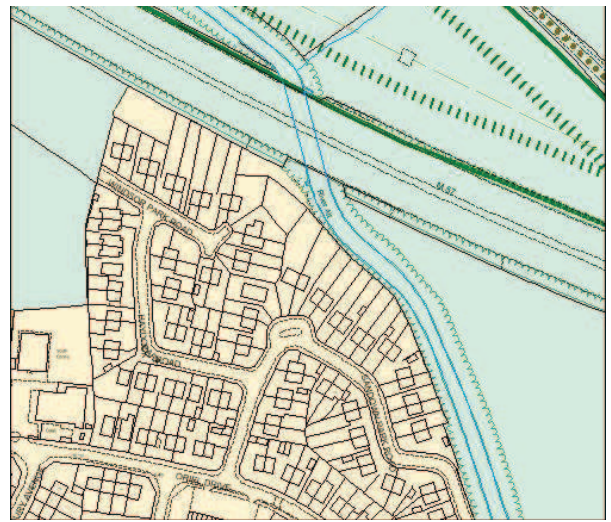
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## Properties to the rear of Sandown Park, Aintree

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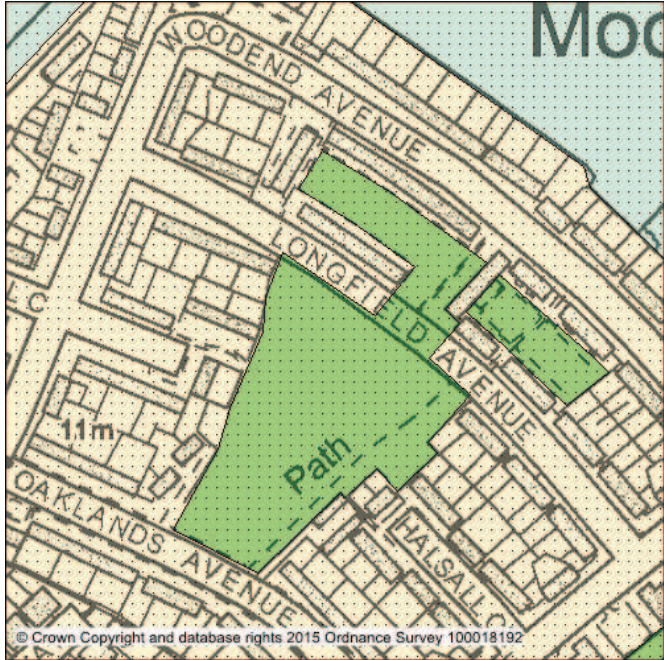
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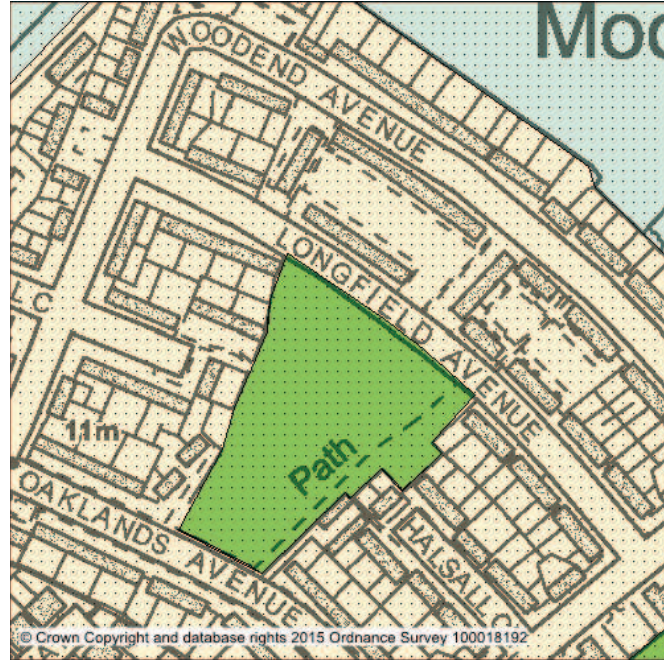
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NH5 open space at Oaklands Avenue, Crosby at the time of submission (July 2015).



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