

Sefton Local Plan Comments Form

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Please set out below your comments to the Sefton Local Plan and its supporting documents.

Please be as specific as possible about the section/chapter/policy/site that your comments relate to, setting out whether you are supporting or objecting. Please set out what changes you would like to be made to address your concerns. This could include alternative sites you think should be considered for development.

Southport Labour Party consultation response to proposed Sefton Local Plan: We would like to make the following positive suggestions that we hope will be taken into account in the approved document. Policy PD1 Design We believe that this policy should provide for local design review arrangements, allowing communities to contribute to the appearance of their surroundings. National Planning Policy Framework says: "62. Local planning authorities should have local design review arrangements in place to provide assessment and support to ensure high standards of design. They should also when appropriate refer major projects for a national design review.¹³ In general, early engagement on design produces the greatest benefits. In assessing applications, local planning authorities should have regard to the recommendations from the design review panel. 64. Permission should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions." As stated in Chapter 4 of the Draft Local Plan, the vision for Sefton in 2030 includes this aim: • New development is well designed and integrated into existing communities; Policy PD1 in the proposed Local Plan only says that major developments "may" go through the national design review process and that any recommendations "may" be taken into consideration. There is no local design review arrangement proposed. We agree that new development should be integrated into existing communities. Local design review arrangements could be achieved by the establishment of local design review panels. These could be composed of local design professionals, community representatives and civic societies. We would suggest that there could be three design review panels in Sefton corresponding geographically with the existing area committees. The criteria for projects to be subject to local design review could be similar to those elsewhere in the Plan that define larger housing development schemes (gross floorspace of 1,000 sq m or more) and major non-residential development (50 or more new build homes or conversions which create 50 or more new homes). Policy SR8 Development in Town Centres, District Centres and Local Centres and Local Shopping Parades Bookmakers and Payday Loan Offices We are concerned about the proliferation of bookmakers offices and "payday loan" providers in Sefton's Town, District and

Local Centres and Shopping Parades. They don't contribute to providing a valuable role within our local communities (a key issue that is identified in Chapter 3). We strongly urge the Council to include in the Local Plan a provision that states that proposals for the above specific non retail (A2) uses will be considered not to provide a positive contribution to the overall vitality and viability of local centres. Although this proposal may be contrary to current planning law we believe it should be included as an aspiration, bearing in mind that the Local Plan runs for 15 years and there is the possibility that planning law may change. Policy SR10 Transport We would like to see "reinstatement of the Burscough Curves rail link" added as a priority for the transport network Proposed policy SR10 has a list of Sefton's transport priorities for the 15 year plan period. We propose that the Burscough Curves project be added as a priority. The Burscough Curves would allow direct rail services * from Southport to Preston and dramatically improve public transport access to and from the north of the borough. Although the scope of the scheme is outwith the boundary of Sefton, this project would require input, cooperation and promotion from Sefton MBC and Merseytravel. Policy CC5 Waste Requirement for Site Waste Management Plans We would suggest that during the construction phase of major development projects, production, implementation and monitoring of Site Waste Management Plans will be imposed as a planning condition. Currently SWMP's are a regulatory requirement although the government is currently consulting to repeal the SWMP regulations. We believe that the requirement for SWMP's for major schemes would help safeguard Sefton's environment and encourage recycling and re-use of materials (as per Local Plan ER3 Minerals). Bearing in mind the potential for shale gas exploration within Sefton, we also suggest that the requirement for SWMP's be added to the requirements set out in at 9.35 in ER3 Minerals Local Labour Policy Integrate the Labour Policy into the Local Plan and apply it Sefton-wide Although Sefton's Local Labour Policy is not specifically included in the consultation we believe it should be updated and included in the Local Plan as a means of ensuring that job opportunities are, as far as possible, kept within Sefton. The current Local Labour Policy says: "The local labour policy was adopted by Sefton Council on 25 August 2004. In summary this asks employers or developers to sign up to the Employment Charter in certain circumstances. In any case it only applies to the Urban Priority Areas (as set out in Policy UP1 of the new Unitary Development Plan).". Given the Local Plan runs to 2030 we suggest that this policy be refreshed and included as a policy within the Local Plan, perhaps within SR5 Employment Requirement and Strategic Employment Locations. Once the Local Plan is in place Policy UP1 would, one assumes, no longer apply and by implication the Local Labour Policy would not apply. The Local Labour Policy states: "In summary this asks employers or developers to sign up to the Employment Charter in certain circumstances." We believe that the policy should be worded more strongly such that planning conditions state that the local Labour Policy must be adhered to; in other words Sefton should make this policy a requirement rather than a request. We would also recommend that developers must

make a commitment to take on apprentices. As a further point, the current policy states: "Because the Urban Priority Area in the south Sefton has a job broker and the Urban Priority Area in Southport does not, at the moment the Local Labour policy and Employment Charter only apply to this south Sefton area." We would ask that this policy be amended to include the whole of Sefton. We would be especially keen that developers exploiting any potential shale gas reserves would need to adopt the Local Labour Policy. Housing Co-operatives We strongly recommend that positive strategies for the promotion and development of housing co-operatives are incorporated into the Local Plan. Housing co-operatives offer a sustainable solution to housing and provide opportunities for the provision of affordable housing. Encouragement and priority should be given to development applications from housing co-operatives.

Do you want us to let you know when the report of consultation is available (which will be published within 3 months of the end of the consultation period)?

Yes

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Thank you for your submission. Your details have been sent to us.

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This is your unique reference for your submission. You should quote this on any subsequent communication.

Due to the anticipated volume of responses the Council expect to receive we will be unable to respond to any questions/comments during or soon after the consultation period. We aim to publish a report of consultation within 3 months of the end of the consultation period. This will set out a summary of questions/comments received and our response.

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Sent: 18 September 2013 20:39
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Thanks for your reply.

Can you outline in a little more detail how the responses will be dealt with and what happens when your report is issued? For example will you be making recommendations for amendments to the preferred option based on consultation responses? Will councillors be able to amend the plan in light of responses?

Regards,

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Preferred Option: Sefton Local Plan

Thank you for your comments on the Local Plan.

The consultation period runs until 27 September 2013, and we intend to report a summary of all comments received, together with our response, to Sefton's councillors within about 3 months of the end of the consultation.

We will be in touch with you when we have an exact date for this.

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