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Please note your name and comments will be made publicly available. However, we will not publish any contact information. Contact details will only be used by the Council and the Inspector for Local Plan purposes.

Is your representation [comment] on the Sefton Local Plan:

an objection a support a general comment

Do you consider the Sefton Local Plan is:

Legally compliant? Yes No Don't Know

'Sound'? Yes No Don't Know

If you think the Sefton Local Plan is not 'sound', is this because it is not:

Positively prepared Effective

Consistent with national policy Justified

You should choose the most appropriate category for your response in terms of whether it is legally compliant or 'sound'. Please see the note at the back of this form for guidance. Please set out in your detailed response the reasons for your choice. If you are not sure which to tick please leave this blank.

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Please set out your representation [including objections or comments in support] to the Sefton Local Plan. Please state clearly the relevant section, policy, paragraph, figure or site allocation that you are commenting on, using additional sheets if required. If you are submitting supporting information please list this here. Supporting information must also be submitted by 27 March 2015.

West Lancashire Borough Council (“the Council”) wish to express their support for the overarching strategy set out in chapter 4 of the Sefton Local Plan, in particular paragraphs 4.37 and 4.39-4.44 on p.26. The development requirements of 11,070 new dwellings and 84.5 ha of employment land over the Plan period are appropriate given the evidence available and what requirements have been adopted / proposed in adjacent authorities, including West Lancashire. The Council would especially support the strategy in that Sefton are seeking to meet their objectively-assessed development needs within their own boundaries, as all other authorities in the Liverpool City Region have thus far sought to do in their Local Plans. Related to this point, the Council can confirm that, at this time, it would not be appropriate to meet any element of Sefton’s development needs in West Lancashire, given that the Sefton Local Plan identifies how these needs can be met within Sefton and the fact that West Lancashire’s recent Green Belt Study identified that all but two parcels of land in West Lancashire’s Green Belt continue to fulfil at least one purpose of the Green Belt, as set out in NPPF paragraph 80.

The Council also supports the wisdom of Sefton’s commitment to an early review of their Local Plan, given the significant constraints on deliverable land for development within the borough and the lack of a wider Liverpool City Region evidence base and strategy at the current time on managing the development requirements (for both housing and employment land) associated with the potential economic growth in the City Region associated with the Atlantic Gateway and SuperPort proposals. For this reason, the Council would support Sefton’s Local Plan in that it does not seek to allocate additional land for employment / port-related uses associated with the growth of the Port of Liverpool at this time, as the distribution of these facilities is a cross-boundary strategic matter that needs addressing in partnership with all City Region authorities when the appropriate evidence is available to ensure a sustainable and strategically planned approach to addressing the needs of this growth.

The Council, therefore, also supports the references within paragraphs 4.42-4.44 on p.26 of the Local Plan related to various sub-regional elements of work that West Lancashire are keen to see move forward and which will form part of the ongoing fulfilment of the Duty to Co-operate for the authorities in the City Region, including West Lancashire.

Please set out the changes you consider necessary to the Sefton Local Plan to address the comments made in the previous sections. You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or 'sound'. It would be helpful if you could suggest revised wording if appropriate. Please be as precise as possible. Use additional sheets if required.

N/A

If your representation is seeking a change to the Sefton Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearing? (please note this will be at the discretion of the Inspector)

No, I do not wish to participate in the examination hearings X

Yes, I do wish to participate in the examination hearings

If you wish to participate in the examination hearings, please outline why you think this is necessary

Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of any of the future stages of the Sefton Local Plan:

When the Sefton Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination X

Confirmation of the timetable for the examination hearings X

The publication of the Inspector's recommendations following the examination X

The adoption of the Local Plan X

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