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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.

Please return to [local.plan@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@sefton.gov.uk) or Local Plan Team, Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015**



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”) are aware that there are a number of sites proposed to be allocated for both housing and employment in the Southport and Formby areas of Sefton in the Sefton Local Plan that are adjacent, or close, to the boundary with West Lancashire. While the Council does not wish to object to the allocation of those sites specifically, the Council is concerned that the Sefton Local Plan should be robust enough to ensure that the development of those sites specifically (and indeed the quantum of development overall in the Southport and Formby areas of Sefton) does not create traffic issues on the rural moss roads in the Western / Northern Parishes of West Lancashire and that flood risk is not exacerbated within West Lancashire as a result of those sites being developed.

There is a recognised issue of some vehicles travelling to / from the Southport and Formby areas seeking to avoid congestion at peak times and bank holidays on the A570 between Southport and the M58 (via Ormskirk) or on the route through Thornton to Switch Island by travelling across the rural moss roads in the Western / Northern Parishes of West Lancashire. These routes are minor in nature, often so narrow that two cars cannot pass each other except at occasional passing places, and are prone to heavy wear due to the ground conditions in these areas, and so are not appropriate for a large amount of traffic.

As such, the Sefton Local Plan must ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are implemented to limit traffic from using the rural moss roads and encourage use of more strategic routes, such as the A570. The Thornton-Switch Island Link road will help this issue, particularly relating to Formby, but it is vital that measures associated with the Southport eastern approach (A570 corridor) are delivered before, or alongside, new development in the Southport area to ensure that the vast majority of vehicles travelling to/from Southport across West Lancashire are encouraged to use the A570 and not the rural moss roads. Related to this, the Southport eastern approach (A570 corridor) is a strategic, cross boundary transport issue that should be referred to in the Duty to Co-operate statement, given the liaison between the Council, Sefton Council and Lancashire County Council on this matter in recent years.

Similarly, all developments associated with the allocations adjacent, or close, to the West Lancashire boundary in the Southport and Formby areas must be required to address flood risk issues, especially those allocations located within flood zones 2 or 3, and provide mitigation where necessary, to ensure that flood risk is not exacerbated across the border in West Lancashire.



