

Amendments to Notices of Motion

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

(1) Notice of Motion No. 1 – GREEN BELT POLICY

Amendment / Alteration – request to alter the wording of a motion

Proposed by Councillor Chris Blakeley

Seconded by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

Council welcomes Cabinet's decision to finally commence preparation of the Local Plan, as first required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Council further notes that Cabinet have identified potential sites for development.

Council recognises that there are currently 6,000 empty properties in Wirral and that Peel Holdings have stated that they are on target to provide up to 6,500 homes on Wirral Waters by 2035, with five planning applications submitted since March 2018.

Council welcomes and supports the Leader of the Council's resolute commitment to protect Wirral Green Belt when he stated in 2017, ***"I am not prepared to allow our green belt land to be built on. I am resolute about that commitment. It is the jewel in Wirral's crown and greatly valued by our residents."*** (Wirral Globe 16th February 2017)

Council also recognises the valuable role Green Belt provides in halting urban sprawl and protecting our local environment.

Council welcomes both the current and draft revised versions of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that state that the Green Belt serves five purposes:

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

Council also notes and supports the draft revised version of the NPPF which states that local authorities should regard development of new buildings on the Green Belt as inappropriate.

Therefore; Council requests the Cabinet to work with empty home owners, Peel Holdings and other developers including the Wirral Growth Company, in order to deliver Wirral's housing needs to ensure that there is no inappropriate development on Green Belt land.

Furthermore, Council considers that there is no requirement for any release of land for development from the Green Belt and calls on Cabinet to work to that end.

(2) Notice of Motion No. 1 – GREEN BELT POLICY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Pat Cleary

Seconded by Councillor Allan Brame

Final paragraph insert after 'Therefore; Council.'

...considers that there is no requirement for any release of land for development from the Green Belt and...

(3) Notice of Motion No. 2 – THE GREEN BELT OR WIRRAL WATERS - TIME TO CHOOSE

Proposed by Cllr Pat Cleary

Seconded by Cllr Stuart Kelly

Para 3, insert the following at the end of the second sentence, i.e. after "...considered for release."

In addition, there is considerable scope to reduce the number of empty properties across Wirral.