

APPENDIX 5 – REPORT OF CONSULTATION (STAGE A)

No.	Organisation/individual	Consultation Response	Directors Comments
1	Barnston Conservation Society	<p>Concerned that the appraisal does not identify solutions to issues such as the rate of teenage conceptions, access to health services, waste issues, charging for hospital parking.</p> <p>While the objectives are supported but the indicators are pathetic. There are only long-term time scales and reliance on outside bodies for delivery. Who is responsible for corporate governance?</p>	<p>Noted – not the role of the Scoping Report to identify solutions, but identify sustainability issues and objectives – which include reduction in health inequalities.</p> <p>Many of the issues identified are outside the direct control or responsibility of the Council in general and the planning system in particular– there is inevitable reliance on actions of others in some cases. No change proposed.</p>
2	Bromborough Society	References to built heritage conservation contain helpful and positive objectives, but heritage still needs to be given proper weight against economic considerations in the planning process. Nationally important sites are being compromised. Local history societies need to be consulted earlier.	SA Objective 13 has been amended in response to this and other submissions
3	Central Liscard Area Residents Association	Keen to promote community-led regeneration and note that the document supports this. Suggest new approach to waste collection in Liscard area. Note increase in house values may encourage improvements in housing standards	Noted – the issues raised fall outside the scope of the SA Scoping Report. No change proposed
4	Countryside Agency	<p>Generic advice on SA/SEA provided. Specific comments:</p> <p><u>Section 3 The Core Strategy:</u></p> <p>Omissions from para 3.2 include:</p>	Paragraph 3.2 has been amended

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape Character approach; • Visual amenity and enjoyment of the countryside; • Protection of the whole countryside from inappropriate development • Recreation. <p><u>Section 4 Task A1 & Appendix 1 :</u></p> <p>Refer to additional CA publications “Planning Tomorrows Countryside”, ”Environmental Quality in Spatial Planning”, ”The Countryside in and Around Towns”;</p> <p><u>Section 4 Task A2</u></p> <p>Information and indicators relating to protected landscapes, state of the Countryside and Countryside Quality Counts highlighted. Text could refer to Landscape Character Volume for NW England.</p> <p><u>Section 4 Task A3</u></p> <p>Support inclusions of issues in A3 for protection and enhancement of natural environment: add reference to landscape and visual amenity;</p> <p>Quality of life section should include provision, protection and enhancement of sites providing outdoor recreation opportunities. Enhancement of urban environmental quality should be linked</p>	<p>Additional references to documents included in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Paragraph 4.28 has been amended.</p> <p>Paragraph 4.32 has been amended</p> <p>Paragraph 4.41 has been amended</p>
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		<p>to local character and distinctiveness;</p> <p>Include an objective under A4 on conservation and enhancement of landscapes and townscapes</p> <p><u>Appendix 2</u></p> <p>Query amount of Green Belt as in indicator for development respecting character of the locality – not a purpose for including land in the green belt. Suggest use of locally sourced materials or design respecting local character or settlement;</p> <p>Indicator for % of POS managed to green flag standards should be linked to objectives and decision criteria linked to open space and recreation.</p>	<p>SA Objective 21 has been amended</p> <p>Acknowledged that Green Belt is not ideal as an indicator but does contribute to the character of the Borough, so retained until more suitable indicator identified.</p> <p>Decision criteria have been amended to include reference to public open space</p>
5	Director of Technical Services (Wirral MBC)	<p><u>Section 3</u></p> <p>3.2 add new issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of measures to ensure provision of efficient transport networks • Measures to improve accessibility <p>4.7 should clarify overarching role of LTP</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>Additional documents – NW Energy & Climate Change Action Plan, LTP SEA and HIA reports,</p>	<p>Paragraph 3.2 has been amended</p> <p>Paragraph 4.5 has been amended</p> <p>Additional documents have been added to Appendix 1</p>

		<p>Wirral Social Inclusion Strategy, Merseyside Accessibility Strategy</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Include accessibility to jobs, education, healthcare and food shopping.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>Amendments/additions suggested under social inclusion, environmental protection and quality of life headings</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 4:</u></p> <p>Noted that SA objectives broadly correspond with LTP SEA objectives (comparison table provided).</p>	<p>Accessibility to services, transport etc have been added to Appendix 2</p> <p>Amendments have been made where appropriate.</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	English Heritage	<p><u>Section 3</u></p> <p>Para 3.2 list of issues for the Core Strategy should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving and enhancing the historic environment, • Understanding and respecting local context, • Reinforcing local distinctiveness, • Promoting good design, • Heritage-led regeneration. <p>While SA objectives 13, 21 and 22 are supported, alternative wording suggested.</p>	<p>Paragraph 3.2 has been amended, with the exception of heritage-led regeneration which is too narrowly-focused.</p> <p>Amendments have been incorporated into Appendix 2</p>

		<p><u>Appendix 1</u></p> <p>Additional legislation and guidance suggested for inclusion relating to historic environment at national, regional and local level.</p> <p><u>Appendix 2</u></p> <p>Additional decision criteria questions put forward for inclusion relating to historic environment:</p>	<p>Appendix 1 has been amended to reflect additional documents highlighted where appropriate.</p> <p>Some elements have been incorporated in Appendix 3 where appropriate but suggestions were generally too focused on heritage issues.</p>
7	Environment Agency	<p><u>Appendix 1</u></p> <p>Note that PPG25 is due to be replaced by PPS25 in Oct 2006.</p> <p><u>Appendix 2</u></p> <p>In relation to maximising the use of previously developed land, suggest an indicator that shows the total area of land reclaimed and brought back into beneficial use for all land use purposes, including open space. Could also be used to measure Decision Criterion restricting development of undeveloped urban land and other urban open spaces.</p>	<p>PPS25 now issued in final form – Appendix 1 has been amended.</p> <p>Additional indicator has been included under SA Objective 16, although available data incomplete.</p>
8	Friends of Birkenhead Park	<p>More explicit reference needed to role of educational provision as a key factor underpinning sustainability objectives. Refer to Wirral Econ. Devt Strategy.</p>	<p>These issues have been picked up in the baseline review. Education attainment is under SA Objective 2 with access to education under SA Objective 3</p>

	<p><u>Section 3</u></p> <p>3.2 - rewording suggested for greater clarity</p> <p><u>Section 4</u></p> <p>4.11 include extra data from Census/Indices of Deprivation to highlight diversity of socio-economic conditions</p> <p>4.12 List docks separately in light of Peel plans</p> <p>4.12 Is Levers included in this definition?</p> <p>4.16 rewording suggested for greater clarity</p> <p>4.31 is applicable to other centres, Seacombe, Liscard, Wallasey, New Ferry and Rock Ferry</p> <p>4.33 Is population stabilisation a policy objective?</p> <p>P17 Is it better to improve transport infrastructure rather than reduce travel distance?</p> <p>4.35 needs a reference to educational policy</p>	<p>Rewording has been incorporated</p> <p>Appendix 2 draws heavily on Indices of Deprivation/Census</p> <p>Reference is made to redevelopment plans for the docks in paragraph 4.19.</p> <p>Levers is not designated as a Strategic Regional Site (it is a regional designation)</p> <p>Paragraph 7.9 has been amended, although not the precise wording suggested</p> <p>Reference to Birkenhead has been deleted</p> <p>The objective derives from the Regional Spatial Strategy – no change proposed</p> <p>Reference is included to infrastructure in paragraph 4.32</p> <p>New decision criteria refer to access to education and skills</p>
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9	Government Office North West	<p>Consider including a glossary and executive summary in the final document.</p> <p>Para 4.4 should refer to Appendix 1 rather than Appendix 2</p> <p><u>Task A2</u></p> <p>(baseline information) expand to reflect advice in 3.2.9 of ODPM SA guidance. AMR may assist. Some data quoted could be more specific, eg 4.23.</p> <p><u>Task A4</u></p> <p>Make links to baseline data to illustrate objectives (3.2.12 of ODPM guidance)</p> <p>Need for discussion with Environmental bodies in relation to appropriate assessment</p> <p><u>Appendix 1:</u></p>	<p>Glossary and Executive Summary are now included</p> <p>Correction has been made.</p> <p>Appendix 2 reflects advice in guidance where data is available.</p> <p>Links to baseline are made through Appendix 2</p> <p>Habitats Regulations Assessment is now being progressed as a separate report</p>

		<p>Implications for the Core Strategy could be drawn out in more detail (Halton SA scoping suggested as an example). Additional documents suggested for inclusion</p> <p><u>Appendix 2:</u></p> <p>Table would be improved if it considered relevant targets and data sources, but otherwise comprehensive.</p>	<p>Implications for Core Strategy have been expanded where possible in Appendix 1 and extra documents included</p> <p>New Appendix 2 links SA Objectives with baseline data</p>
10	Health and Safety Executive	No specific comments – generic advice in relation to development plans and hazards supplied.	Noted
11	Heswall Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses	<p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>More detail needed on objectives in PPS1. Requirements relating to religion need to be reflected in policy. Also add “Diversity and Equality in Planning - a Good Practice Guide” and reflect its advice in relation to faith groups.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Population involvement in faith groups should be included in baseline information along with extent to which places of worship meet current needs.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>Social inclusion issues should include the need to take into account all sections of society.</p>	<p>Expanded reference to PPS1 included, Diversity good practice guide has been included in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Data regarding active involvement in faith groups not identified by Census data. Review of provision a potentially a matter for other planning documents</p> <p>New decision criterion added under SA Objective 5 – recognising different values and needs within the</p>

		<p>Quality of life issues should include facilitating forms of community engagement that promote social and moral education.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 4:</u></p> <p>Objective 23 should be changed to maximise opportunities for culture, sport leisure and religious faith</p> <p>Overall SA should include measures to assess the impact of plan documents on religious faith and provide opportunities for enabling integration of faith groups into the wider community.</p>	<p>community</p> <p>Noted but this goes beyond the scope of the Core Strategy DPD</p> <p>Decision criteria for SA Objective 5 have been amended to recognise different values and needs within the Community</p> <p>Noted but amendments do not single out faith groups specifically but aim to ensure that differing values and needs within the community are recognised as part of the LDF process</p>
12	Highways Agency	No specific comments raised.	Noted
13	Hoylake and District Civic Society	<p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>Suggest list of documents include North West Best Practice Design Guide (NWRA)</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Suggest some baseline information could be presented in the form of maps, diagrams or graphs, eg HMRI boundary</p> <p>Green Belt should be considered an issue in its own right.</p>	<p>Document has been included within Appendix 1</p> <p>Appendix 2 now presents much of the baseline data in graphical form</p> <p>Green Belt is not an environmental protection designation, but does have a potential role in delivering or supporting other sustainability</p>

		<p>More baseline data on methods of travel to work would support paras 4.15 and 4.21. Car usage relevant to air quality and energy use.</p> <p>More data needed on coast needed to reflect its importance</p> <p>Include data on area of woodland cover, rates of tree planting/woodland erosion</p> <p>Include number of buildings on EH's Buildings at risk register</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>More emphasis should be placed on issue of climate change and high quality design – additional objectives suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for rises in sea level • Planning for drier summers and the need for water conservation • Planning for higher summer temperatures and the need to reduce dependence on air conditioning • Planning for higher wind speeds • Planning for heavier autumn and winter rainfall • Ensuring reduced dependence on fossil fuels not only for transport and heating, but 	<p>objectives and acknowledgement of this is now included in paragraph 4.41</p> <p>Expanded baseline data included in Appendix 2 although focus is on accessibility</p> <p>Noted – data on some aspects of coastal management is limited</p> <p>Data will be included in Appendix 2 when available</p> <p>Data is now included in Appendix 2</p> <p>In the interests of brevity decision criterion under SA Objective 20 refers in general terms to policies/proposals promoting development that will withstand the impact of climate change</p>
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		<p>also for lighting cooling and ventilation</p> <p>New buildings should incorporate eco-friendly design principles. Good design an end in itself, not just a means for reducing crime.</p> <p>Number sustainability issues rather than bullets</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 4:</u></p> <p>Objectives, criteria and indicators are fairly comprehensive, but suggested list of objectives is subdivided into same categories as tasks A2 and A3 – social, economic, natural resources, environment, quality of life</p> <p><u>Appendix 2</u></p> <p>Add numbering</p> <p>Portrait format easier to read online</p>	<p>Additional sustainability issue has been included under natural resources heading</p> <p>Bullets have been replaced by numbers</p> <p>Sustainability objectives listed in main text have been sub-divided as suggested</p> <p>Numbering of SA Objectives included</p> <p>Noted but landscape format has been retained to accommodate data presentation. Will keep under review</p>
14	John Noble	<p>Appendix 2 add objective “To reduce the impact of parked cars on the environment of residential areas and accessibility to dwellings” Impact could be measured by before and after surveys</p>	<p>This is too specific an issue to include in the sustainability appraisal for the Core Strategy. No change proposed</p>
15	Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service	<p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>Additional documents: Merseyside Waste DPD, Regional Climate Change Action Plan, NW Sustainable Energy Strategy</p>	<p>Energy Strategy has been included in Appendix 1. The other documents will be included in future versions when they are at a more advanced stage</p>

		<p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Detailed baseline needs to match the data needed to measure progress against indicators</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>Energy efficiency/conservation should be included alongside renewables generation. Wording should be strengthened</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 4:</u></p> <p>Objectives are comprehensive but need to be kept under review. Indicators should be included in the baseline data in the SA report as a starting point for monitoring or reasons for their omission included</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 5:</u></p> <p>Need for greater clarity on way SA process meets the SEA Directive.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessment section will need to be revisited in light of new draft Govt Guidance. Approach as set out may not fit with tenor of draft guidance. Need to consider possibility that development outside boundary of European Sites may have significant effects. EU guidance may assist.</p>	<p>Appendix 2 links data with objectives/indicators</p> <p>Reference to energy efficiency/conservation has been included in Natural Resources Issue 8</p> <p>Appendix 2 links objectives, indicators and baseline.</p> <p>References/signposting to SEA has been strengthened where appropriate.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessment screening is now being carried out separately in line with emerging DCLG guidance.</p>
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16	National Trust	<p><u>Section 3</u></p> <p>Para 3.2 add reference to the built environment and heritage/cultural considerations</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>SA needs to consider DEFRA Soil Action Plan Also NW Regional Green Infrastructure Guide, NWDA Draft Action Plan for Climate Change, Shoreline Management Plan</p> <p>In relation to already quoted documents: PPS7 refer to paras 24/25 re landscape issues</p> <p>PPS9 refer to geological considerations in DPD implications column</p> <p>Refer to Panel report on Partial review of RPG in respect of Climate change</p> <p><u>Task A2</u></p> <p>How have headings been arrived at? References to economic growth might better be replaced with sustainable consumption and production</p> <p>Environmental enhancement is as important as protection</p>	<p>Paragraph 3.2 has been amended</p> <p>Reference has been included in Appendix 1</p> <p>Appendix 1 has been amended to include reference to landscape issues.</p> <p>Reference to geodiversity has been included</p> <p>Reference to recommendation on climate change policy has been included</p> <p>Title has been amended to “Sustainable Consumption and Production”</p> <p>Title has been amended to “Environmental Protection and Enhancement”</p>
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		<p>an indicator as well as decision criterion.</p> <p>Registered Historic Parks and gardens should be in the decision criteria column as well as an indicator.</p> <p>Climate change needs a separate heading rather than under natural resources and relevant issues considered there.</p> <p>In relation to Quality of Life indicators, concern that Green Belt is a poor proxy as green belt has no need to have landscape merit.</p> <p>Special landscape value not ideal indicator as being replaced by wider landscape character work.</p> <p>Could include built heritage and landscape questions as part of resident satisfaction surveys.</p>	<p>indicator</p> <p>The decision criteria have been amended</p> <p>No separate heading, but reference has been included in the decision criteria for SA Objective 20</p> <p>Noted but Green Belt contributes to character of Borough, so retained for present.</p> <p>Special landscape retained as an indicator for the present but unlikely to be carried forward as part of the LDF so will be reviewed in due course</p> <p>Noted.</p>
17	Network Rail	No comments, but wishes to be consulted at future stages	Noted
18	NJL Consulting	<p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>List of plans and programmes is reasonable. Need to consider age of documents reviewed and keep list up to date. Need to ensure requirements of SEA Directive are followed and kept up to date. Need to take into account requirements for Appropriate Assessment.</p>	Noted. Appendix 1 will be subject to regular review at each stage of the appraisal.

		<p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Suggest baseline data is presented in table format or “portfolios” where details relating to each topic are presented alongside data source, targets, objectives and indicators. Maps, graphs and illustrations could be used.</p> <p>Need to highlight data gaps, limitations and uncertainties.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>List of issues is comprehensive, but origin of the issues (from baseline info, review of plans/programmes etc) is not made clear.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 4:</u></p> <p>Need to make clear links and justification for the objectives from earlier stages of the SA.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 5:</u></p> <p>Approach to screening acceptable at this stage but needs to take full account of “in combination” effects. Conclusions need to be supported by evidence and precautionary principle applied.</p>	<p>Baseline data is presented in Appendix 2 along the lines suggested.</p> <p>Gaps in data availability/uncertainties have been highlighted.</p> <p>Links to baseline data have been clarified in Appendix 2 and re-structured text</p> <p>Appendix 2 links objectives, baseline and indicators</p> <p>Appropriate Assessment will now be run separately but in parallel with sustainability appraisal. Accepted that there is need for further refinement of the Appropriate Assessment methodology: forthcoming DCLG guidance will clarify requirements.</p>
19	North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries	No reference to the fishing industry within Wirral both boat-based and shore based within the	Reference has now been included under baseline information.

	Committee	document. Scope for development of the industry, which is a significant employer, both directly and indirectly in Wirral. Fisheries activity should be reviewed, analysed and given its place in the objectives of the strategy.	
20	Northwest Development Agency	Notes and welcomes inclusion of Regional Economic Strategy in schedule of plans and programmes. Various actions in the RES with Wirral relevance are highlighted (73 – port of Liverpool, 80 – Strategic Sites and 116 – Mersey Waterfront Reg. Park), but accepted they may be of more relevance at Issues/Options stage.	Appendix 1 has been amended.
21	Npower Renewables	Para 3.2 add measures to (a) support and encourage development of renewable energy sources and (b) support achievement of regional and sub-regional targets for renewable energy development Para 4.35 add: “To maximise the use of renewable energy sources”	Paragraph 3.2 has been amended Reference is already made to this issue under Natural Resource Sustainability Issues
22	Ramblers Association	Objectives in Section 3 if implemented will provide the basis for worthwhile needs for Wirral’s future. Other issues include retention of graduates/younger people, promoting virtues of good citizenship, promoting healthy lifestyles. Can or should the Council seek to provide/encourage some more affordable properties? Need for consultation and considering varied viewpoints essential.	Noted. Provision of affordable high quality housing is identified as one of the sustainability issues under the Social Inclusion heading. Noted – consultation principles are established in the Statement of Community Involvement.

23	Royal Liverpool Golf Club	No specific comments	Noted
24	Sport England	<p>Paragraph 3.2 - sport and physical activity should be listed as an issue.</p> <p>Para 4.2-4.7 and Appendix 1 need to refer to North West Plan for Sport and Physical Activity. Including objectives of widening access to sport and physical activity and increased participation.</p> <p><u>Appendix 2:</u></p> <p>400m accessibility yardstick to sport and leisure facilities accepted. Sport indicators should be applied to social inclusion, healthy communities, vitality and viability of town centres and tourism.</p> <p>General omission regarding the role of sport in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of activity indicators/participation levels to assess change in lifestyles as a plan outcome • measuring spatial changes in the above, • setting targets for level of sports infrastructure provision. <p>Role of sport should be given equal treatment with other topic areas.</p> <p>Links in national policy between sport and physical activity and health/well-being highlighted.</p>	<p>Paragraph 3.2 has been amended.</p> <p>Appendix 1 has been amended.</p> <p>Sport/physical activity indicators have been included, subject to data availability</p>

		Core Strategy should consider greater use of sport indicators and make reference to the development of sport policies as a key element of the Core Strategy. Relevant references provided.	Appropriate references to sport and physical activity will be included in the Core Strategy
25	Sustrans	SA should test all Core Strategy Options for Transport Implications and overall aim should be to minimise traffic generation and stimulate interest in walking and cycling. Support SA Objective 24 but sustainable travel needs to be part of all objectives not just as an optional extra.	All Core Strategy options will be subject to sustainability appraisal. Minimising traffic generation and promoting public transport, walking and cycling will be a central objective of the Core Strategy.
26	Theatres Trust	<p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>Disappointed that measures to conserve and enhance cultural facilities are not covered as an objective in the list at 3.2 on page 9 of the report and suggest a suitable objective be included. Support Objective 23 in para 4.35 on p18.</p> <p>Appendix 1 (page 26, 27 and 36) Note reference to Cultural Strategy/cultural offer wish these to be reflected in issues and options stage.</p> <p>Appendix 2 (page 4) wish to see tourism policy integrated with cultural facilities provision.</p> <p>Support culture sport and leisure objective for quality of life on page 11 of Appendix 2 but wish to see reference to Culture and Leisure Strategy survey 2000-2001</p>	<p>Paragraph 3.2 has been amended to refer to the enhancement of cultural facilities</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Decision making criteria have been amended to include reference to cultural facilities</p> <p>Appendix 1 has been amended.</p>

27	United Utilities	<p><u>Consultation Question 3</u></p> <p>Welcome acknowledgement of infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>Within Section “Natural Resource Sustainability Issues include...” add reference to “Promote potable water demand management measures”.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 4</u></p> <p>support inclusion of point 18 water conservation.</p> <p><u>Appendix 2</u></p> <p>Under natural resources support “Promote sustainable drainage and water conservation”.</p> <p>Suggest extra indicator - “require potable water conservation measures in new development”</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Natural Resources Sustainability Issues have been amended.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Data availability uncertain: decision criteria already require policy/proposal to maximise water conservation. No change proposed.</p>
28	Wirral Community Safety Team	<p>Reference made to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and requirements for design and access statements. Keen for consultation at pre-application/forward planning stage to achieve designing out crime. Encourage secured by design. “Park Mark” and safer car parks.</p>	<p>Decision criteria have been amended under Quality of Life to refer to principles of Secured by Design</p>
29	Wirral Green Belt Council	<p>Pleased that Green Belt is seen as making a positive contribution to the Wirral</p>	<p>Noted</p>

		<p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>Are there are any strategies relating to the provision of access to open spaces for gentle activity or provision of space for outside activities for school children.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Need for monitoring of all issues and objectives</p> <p>Suggested additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open spaces in size as a ratio to the population analysed by type of open space • Availability of locally produced food • Assessment of out/in-commuting to places not well served by public transport • Assessment of general health/weight/exercise levels <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>With reference to reducing distance between home and work place, clarification sought re applicability to home working/local work centres advocated.</p> <p>Other sustainability issues identified:</p>	<p>No specific strategies identified for these issues but they are likely to be highlighted through other strategies, for example, related to public health</p> <p>Intention is that baseline data/indicators will be subject to monitoring and updating as the appraisal progresses.</p> <p>Focus in Appendix 2 is on quality of open spaces</p> <p>Data is not available at local level</p> <p>Accessibility profiling is being developed through the LTP process</p> <p>Recognised health indicators already included in Appendix 2</p> <p>Increase in homeworking might be an effect of this policy, but precise impact in this area would be difficult to measure.</p>
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30	Wirral Green Party	<p>SA should have at its core recognition of the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumption of fossil fuels is unsustainable, leading to climate change with direct implications for Wirral’s long-term future; • Price rises resulting from fossil fuel consumption will undermine the local economy. <p>Within this context priority actions arising from these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising energy consumption; • Maximise renewable energy production, exploiting Wirral’s position in relation to wind and wave power and micro-generation • All new buildings built on zero carbon emissions basis • Greenbelt land protected to facilitate local food production. <p>Further specific points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wirral needs to commit to local action to reduce global warming; • The Council needs to appoint staff to monitor energy efficiency and raise and enforce standards; • Wirral should become a beacon Council for facilitating micro-power generation; 	<p>Controlling activities which cause climate change and planning for its effects are highlighted in main text. Note however that the sustainability appraisal process has to incorporate and balance social and economic issues, in addition to environmental factors.</p> <p>Sustainable energy issues are set out in the Scoping Report.</p> <p>Although desirable, it is not possible under the current Building Regulations to require zero emission development.</p> <p>National policy would need to be required to enable Greenbelt land to be safeguarded for the purpose of food production</p> <p>These matters are picked up within the Scoping Report where appropriate but some go beyond the scope of the sustainability appraisal for a Core Strategy DPD.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council should undertake more action to reduce car usage/dependency, scrap plans to expand the road network use funds to expand the rail network, enforce speed limits, improve provision for cyclists and public transport users; • More consideration of integrated systems of waste management needed, encourage the government to do more to reduce generation of waste; • Restore vacant wasteland for mixed residential development, protection and maintenance of greenspaces a priority; • Need for enhanced street cleaning and public health services (public toilets etc); • Audit of play and leisure facilities for children and young people needed; plus leadership and supervision • Consider implication of changing population structure on educational provision; • More resources for protection, maintenance and restoration of heritage properties and sites. 	
31	Wirral Society	<p><u>Consultation Question 1:</u></p> <p>NWDA Climate change strategy “Rising to the Challenge” should be considered – includes a number of objectives mentioned in para 3.2</p> <p>List plans in Appendix 1 against strategy’s core objectives to identify overlaps, inconsistencies or</p>	<p>The finalised Climate Change Action Plan has now been issued. Appendix 1 has been amended.</p> <p>While the approach suggested has some merit, Appendix 1, as set out, reflects good practice. The</p>

		<p>conflicts. This would align outcomes with policies rather than the reverse</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 2:</u></p> <p>Include employment trends (skilled/unskilled) and educational attainment; Baseline data on transport by mode would inform all topics under A2;</p> <p>In relation to para 4.15 and 4.16 (earnings/employment/travel) suggest extra data on how Wirral impacts and is impacted by surrounding sub-region. SA may need consideration of out of Borough impacts;</p> <p>Baseline data on level of unoccupied buildings (housing and commercial) needed to inform strategy development;</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3:</u></p> <p>No further issues, but highlight strong interdependence between issues. Two items on flooding (P17) may be in contradiction</p> <p>Structure of document may make it difficult to identify opportunities and conflicts: suggest regrouping bullet points under headings such as sustainable growth, sustainable living and working.</p>	<p>implications for the Core Strategy have been expanded. A compatibility matrix has been included to test the sustainability objectives against each other.</p> <p>Expanded baseline information has been included</p> <p>National/regional contextual information has been included where available and appropriate.</p> <p>Wirral's Empty Property Strategy has been added to Appendix 1 and relevant baseline information added to Appendix 2.</p> <p>Revised sustainability issues refers to planning for the effects of climate change in more general terms</p> <p>Would require a major restructuring of other parts of the document and of the Council's overarching Sustainability Appraisal Framework – no change proposed for this appraisal but will reconsider in future revisions of the Framework.</p>
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		<p>Long list of objectives in 4.35 would be better subdivided according to sections in the rest of the document or reflecting suggested restructure around headings such as sustainable growth living and working etc</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 5:</u></p> <p>There may be impacts seaward of the high water mark for objectives related to tourism of renewables.</p>	<p>Sustainability objectives have been sub-divided under the headings used elsewhere, such as in Appendix 2</p> <p>Accepted that there is a need to consider direct and indirect seaward impacts. Appropriate Assessment will be reviewed in light of forthcoming DCLG guidance.</p>
32	Wirral Wildlife	<p>Pleased that biodiversity has due recognition</p> <p>Section 3.2 add: a commitment to reducing the Borough's contribution to global climate change; a commitment to helping the Borough cope with existing and forthcoming effects of climate change</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 1</u></p> <p>Add: NWDA Energy and Climate change action plan; English Nature standards for accessible natural greenspace; European Landscape Convention</p> <p>Section 4.23 update: - Bromborough Dock landfill closed</p> <p>Section 4.26 should make clear that clay cliff erosion is essential for nature conservation</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Paragraph 3.2 has been amended</p> <p>Appendix 1 has been amended.</p> <p>Paragraph 4.33 has been amended</p> <p>Paragraph 4.36 has been amended</p>

		<p>value.</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 2</u></p> <p>Add: relative sea levels; Average climate and likely medium-term weather changes</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 3</u></p> <p>Add to Economic Issues: helping existing business adapt to the challenge of climate change, including renewables/energy conservation</p> <p>Add to Environmental Protection: reduce need to travel by encouraging local production/local services.</p> <p><u>Section 4.35</u></p> <p>24 add “and reduce need to travel”</p> <p>15 reducing intrusion of aircraft noise in Wirral</p> <p><u>Consultation Question 5</u></p> <p>Consider indirect impacts such as tourism;</p>	<p>Concern would be that there would be no measurable changes in these indicators over the likely life of the sustainability appraisal. No change proposed.</p> <p>Planning for the effects of climate change (not specific to business) has been added as an issue</p> <p>Support for local production and local services to meet local needs has been added as an issue.</p> <p>Suggested amendment has been incorporated</p> <p>There is already an objective to minimise pollution to land water or air, which has been clarified to apply to noise pollution.</p> <p>Accepted that there is a need to consider direct and indirect seaward impacts. Appropriate Assessment will be reviewed in light of forthcoming DCLG</p>
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		<p>General comments about more support from the Council for nature conservation, including a nature conservation strategy.</p> <p>Document needs to record data gaps for species such as Great Crested Newts and Bats.</p>	<p>guidance on Appropriate Assessment and is being carried out separately.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Data gaps have been highlighted in relation to the baseline assessment.</p>
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List of Consultees for the Core Strategy Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Barnston Conservation Society	Unilever Research Port Sunlight	Mrs J Wood
Bidston Village CA Advisory Committee	Unilever UK Home and Personal Care	Ms Johnson
Bromborough Pool Village Society	Birkenhead Market Tenants Association	New Brighton BRAVO
Bromborough Society	Birkenhead Town Centre Forum	New Brighton Community Association
Caldy Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Heswall & District Business Association	New Brighton Community Partnership
Eastham Village Preservation Association	Job Centre Plus	New Ferry Regeneration Action Group
Frankby Conservation Area Advisory Committee	New Ferry Business Association	Norman Street Residents Association
Friends of Birkenhead Park	Showmens Guild of Great Britain	North Birkenhead Neighbourhood Forum
Heswall Society	Wirral Chamber of Commerce	Partnership for Racial Equality
Hoylake & District Civic Society	Wirral Investment Network	Poulton & District Residents Association
Irby, Thurstaston & Pensby Amenity Society	Age Concern Wirral	Rock Ferry Community Group
Kings Gap Conservation Area Committee	Barnston Womens Institute	Seacombe Local Area Partnership
Mr Clegg	Bebington CVS	Stanton Estate Residents Association
Mr G Hunter	Beechwood Community Association	Sure Start (Birkenhead Central)
Mr Gladden	Bidston Residents Association	Thorneycroft etc., Residents Association
Mr Toosey	Central Liscard Residents Association	Thornton Hough Community Trust
Ms E Davey	Cloughton Community Group	Tower Action Group
New Ferry & Rock Ferry Conservation Society	Eastham Village Residents Association	Townswomen Wirral 101-25
Oxton Society	Eleanor Road Residents Association	Tranmere Alliance
Port Sunlight Village Society	Friends of Ashton Park	Tranmere Together
Saughall Massie Conservation Area Committee	Friends of Hoylake & Meols Gardens & Open Spaces	Union Street Day Resource Centre
Wallasey Civic Society	Friends of Royden Park	Wallasey Village Community Partnership
Wellington Road CA Advisory Committee	Hoylake CVS	Westwood Road Residents Association
West Kirby Village CA Advisory Committee	Kings Lane Supporters Association	WIRED
Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Society	Lairdsie Communities Trust	Wirral CVS
Wirral Green Belt Council	Manor Egremont Mast Action Group	Wirral Federation of Tenants & Residents Associations
Wirral Society	Meols Drive Residents Association	Adams Holmes Associates
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Braithwaite Associates	Development Planning Partnership	JMP Consulting
Broadway Malyan Planning	Dickinson Dees	Jones Lang LaSalle
Brockway Dunn Limited	Dixon Webb	Jones Lang LaSalle
Brodies Solicitors	Drivers Jonas	Kemp & Kemp
Building Design Partnership	Drivers Jonas	Kersh Commercial
Bullivant Jones & Company	DTZ Piedad Consulting	King Sturge
Business Environments Planning	E M Enterprises	Knight Frank LLP
Carey Jones Architects	EDAW Plc	Lambert Smith Hampton
Carpenter Bidwells Planning	Edmund Kirby	Landmark Information Group Ltd
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CB Richard Ellis	Entec UK Ltd	LRM Development Consultants
CgMs Consulting	Environmental Resources Management	MacIntosh Communications Limited
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Chesterton Planning & Economics	Garry Usherwood Associates	Mason Owen Property Consultants
Chris Thomas Limited	Gerald Eve	McCormick Architecture
Cliff Walsingham & Company	GL Hearn	McDyre & Co.
Clive Watkin Partnership	Goodwin Planning Services	MCP Planning & Development
Colin Buchanan & Partners	Gough Planning Services	Merseyside Environmental Trust
Colliers CRE	GVA Grimley	Mono Consultants Ltd
Corporate Property Solutions	H D Gee Consultants	Mouchel Parkman
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Denis Wilson Partnership	Higham & Co.	Nathaniel Litchfield & Partners

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Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd	Age Discrimination Scrutiny Panel	C D Hughes
Paul & Company	Babtie Group	Chelford Properties
Paul Butler Associates	Bell Ingram Pipelines Ltd	Cheshire Office Park Limited
Paul Dickinson Associates	British Aerospace	Countryside Properties
Peacock & Smith	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Crosby Homes NW Ltd
Planning & Environmental Services Ltd	Denbighshire County Council	David McLean Homes Ltd
Planning Bureau Limited	English Partnerships	David Wilson Homes
Robinson Architects	Environmental Advisory Service	Elite Homes (North) Limited
Roger Tym & Partners	Halton UA - Environmental Services Directorate	Emerson Group
RPS Planning Transport & Environment	Health & Safety Executive	Fairclough Homes Limited (NW Division)
RPS Planning Transport & Environment	Knowsley MBC	Forthview Limited
RPS Planning Transport & Environment	Lands Office - Shell UK Pipelines	George Wimpey North West Limited
RPS Planning, Transport & Environment	Merseyside Policy Unit	George Wimpey Strategic Land
Savell Bird and Axon	Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	Halcyon Properties
Savills	Merseytravel	Harlor Homes
Smith & Sons Property Consultants	Mobile Operators Association	Henry Boot Developments Limited
Smiths Gore	National Museums Liverpool	Home Builders Federation
Steer Davies Gleave	Sport England North West Region	Hylgar Properties
Steven Abbott Associates	St Helen's MBC	Inglewood Properties
Stewart Ross Associates	Technical Services Department	Land Projects UK Associates
Storey Sons & Parker	The Mersey Partnership	McInerney Homes
Strutt & Parker	Wirral Community Safety Team	Miller Homes (North West) Limited
Survey & Design Associates	Wirral Local Strategic Partnership	Moneycorp Limited
Taylor Young	Wirral Voluntary and Community Services Network	Morris Developments
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Tetlow King Planning	Arrowcroft Northwest Ltd	North Country Homes Group Limited
Turley Associates	Barratt Chester	Northern Trust
Tweedale	Bell Developments Ltd	Persimmon Homes (North West)
Wardell Armstrong	Bellway Homes	Redrow Homes

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Salisbury Developments	Wirral Barn Owl Trust	Network Rail (Mining)
Taylor Woodrow Developments	Wirral LA21 Forum	New Brighton Football Club
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Wardell Armstrong	Bidston Preservation Trust	PTS Property
Westbury Homes	Campaign for Real Ale	Reddington Developments Limited
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HM Coastguard	Childer Thornton Conservation Association	Royal Liverpool Golf Club
Merseyside Fire Service Headquarters	Council for British Archaeology	Safety Layne (Investments) Limited
Merseyside Police - North Wirral Area	Garden History Society	Stanton Land & Marine Development Limited
Royal National Lifeboat Institute	Georgian Group	United Co-operatives Ltd
Action Wirral Rivers	Hooton Park Trust	Villa Medical Centre
Brackenwood Committee	Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies	Wirral Development Corporation Ltd
Cheshire RIGS Group	Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings	Wirral Metropolitan College
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	Theatres Trust	Woodland Trust
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Friends of Eastham Country Park	CLM Services	Maritime Housing Association
Friends of Heswall Shore	Crown Estate	Rodney Housing Association
Friends of Storeton Woods	Fort Perch Rock	Venture Housing Association
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NW & North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee	Mr T Tarr	Mast Sanity Head Office
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United Reform Church	North West Regional Assembly
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National Farmers Union - NW Region	Orange Pcs Ltd
Rural Development Service	Puddington & District Council
Sommerville Primary School	Sefton MBC
St. Mary's Catholic College	T Mobile (UK) Ltd
National Grid	United Utilities (Asset Protection)
Airwave MMO2	Vodafone Ltd
Asset Planning Department	Willaston Parish Council
British Telecommunications	North West Association of Sea Angling Clubs
Cheshire & Merseyside Strategic Health Authority	Cycling Project
Cheshire County Council	General Aviation Awareness Council
Countryside Agency (NW Region)	Merseyside & West Cheshire Ramblers
Countryside Council for Wales	Merseyside Cycling Campaign (Wirral Branch)
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Sustrans
Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council	Wirral Transport Users Association
English Heritage (North West)	Biffa Waste Services
English Nature (Cheshire/Lancs Team)	D Morgan Plc
Environment Agency (England)	Mersey Waste Holdings Limited
Environment Agency (Wales)	
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Helsby Parish Council	
Highways Agency (Network Strategy)	
Hutchinson 3G UK Limited	
Ince Parish Council	
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