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A Green Belt will be maintained in Wirral to keep land permanently open in order to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land; prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another; prevent urban sprawl; and safeguard the countryside from encroachment.

Inappropriate development, as defined in national policy, will only be approved in very special circumstances, where the potential harm to the Green Belt is clearly outweighed by other considerations.

Appropriate uses that will enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt, including agriculture and opportunities for outdoor sport and outdoor recreation, will be permitted where they will retain the openness of the Green Belt, retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity and meet the priorities set out in Policy CS11 and the requirements of Policy CS42.