

Policy CS10 – Priorities for Irby, Thingwall, Pensby, Heswall and Gayton

Summary of Comments Received	Recommended Response
Point 4 of Policy CS10 should include the assets in Wirral's leisure and tourism portfolio.	No change is recommended, as Point 4 of Policy CS10 is only intended to provide protection for identified heritage assets.
The Beacons should also be listed under Point 5 of Policy CS10.	No change is recommended with regard to the specific listing of Heswall Beacons but this comment may also be addressed by the further reordering and amendment of point 5 of Policy CS10 recommended below.
Many of Heswall's green spaces, which are crucial to the character of the area and to general well-being, have been neglected. The green environment is important in attracting people to live, invest and build their businesses in Wirral.	No change is recommended, as points 5 and 6 of Policy CS10 already address the strategic priorities within the Settlement Area. Policy CS30 – Requirements for Green Infrastructure, requires new development to contribute towards the provision, protection and enhancement of green infrastructure, supported by Policy CS45 – Developer Contributions.
The word "major" should be omitted from point 5 of Policy CS10, as access to all open space should be maintained and enhanced, including smaller ones such as The Beacons.	Accepted. It is recommended that Point 5 of Policy CS10 is reordered and amended to read: "Maintain and enhance the national and international importance of the foreshore, access to the coast and to the major natural and semi-natural open spaces at Heswall Dales, Thurstaston Common, Arrowe Country Park and the Wirral Way <u>and other open space</u> , while maintaining and enhancing their value for landscape, biodiversity and earth science;"
"Earth science" should be replaced with "geodiversity" in point 5 of Policy CS10.	Accepted. It is recommended that point 5 of Policy CS10 is amended to read: "...while maintaining and enhancing their value for landscape, biodiversity and <u>geodiversity</u> ;"
Point 8 of Policy CS10 should include: " <u>and improve the pedestrian experience in the Town Centre</u> " as the vitality and viability of Heswall Town Centre is harmed by the traffic routes, especially Telegraph Road. The emphasis should not just be on maximising highway efficiency. Traffic Management should be a key element of a future Town Plan.	No change is recommended, as Policy CS40 – Transport Requirements, provides for the provision of "accessible, safe and attractive facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, suitable for all abilities and ages..." and the consideration of local solutions is better dealt with through a more detailed Town Centre Action Plan.
Settlement Area 7 also includes the commuter settlement area of Barnston.	Accepted but there is a need to distinguish between the urban areas to the east of Heswall and Barnston Village which is a separate settlement in the Green Belt in Settlement Area 8. Therefore, it is recommended to amend paragraph 15.1 to read: "...the commuter settlements of Irby, Thingwall, Pensby, Heswall, Gayton <u>and the urban parts of Barnston.</u> "

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Policy CS10 provides the necessary positive strategy to address the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. The Core Strategy should, however, include explicit coverage of Heritage at Risk as required by Paragraph 126 of the National Planning Policy Framework.	No change is recommended, as there were no entries in the 2012 Heritage at Risk Register within this Settlement Area and Policy CS43 – Design, Heritage and Amenity, provides for proposals that will “safeguard the future of heritage at risk” across the Borough as a whole, including Settlement Area 7.
Settlement Area 7 is being consigned to an unsustainably low level of growth. Infill housing development will not deliver enough jobs and will not meet the existing needs of the young, working age or elderly population.	No change is recommended, as Policy CS10 is only intended to outline the overall priorities for the promotion of sustainable development in the Settlement Area. The forthcoming Strategic Housing Market Assessment will determine the Council’s position in relation to future housing need.
Supports the provision of further residential development in Heswall, to meet local housing needs, including affordable housing. New sites will need to be identified to accommodate growth, such as land at Chester Road, Heswall.	No change is recommended. The forthcoming Strategic Housing Market Assessment will determine the Council’s position in relation to future housing needs.
Supports the provision of further residential development in Irby to meet local housing needs, including affordable housing. New sites will need to be identified to accommodate growth, such as land at Irby Road to the rear of Irby Hall.	No change is recommended. The forthcoming Strategic Housing Market Assessment will determine the Council’s position in relation to future housing needs.
The location specific references to additional pitch requirements should be taken out of Policy CS10, until a revised Playing Pitch Strategy has been completed.	Accepted. It is recommended that Point 6 of Policy CS10 is amended to read: “Increase the provision of allotments and facilities for children and young people and outdoor sports, to meet local needs.”
Point 7 of Policy CS10 should be altered to read: “Reduce the risk of flooding from the Arrowe Brook in Irby and surface water; and <u>consider the availability of water and wastewater infrastructure by working with utility providers to promote a coordinated approach to the delivery of development and the delivery of future infrastructure works.</u> ” to remove the reference to local limitations on the disposal of waste water.	Accepted. It is recommended that Point 7 of Policy CS10 is amended to read: “Reduce the risk of flooding from the Arrowe Brook in Irby and surface water;” as Policy CS42 – Development Management, already requires development to be adequately served by essential local infrastructure.
The commitment to support greater use of the Borderlands railway line is welcomed. Promoting improvements to the line is a key issue for the whole Borough and a key issue for each Settlement Area affected. A stronger policy is required to provide support for improvement works, including improved station facilities, electrification, greater service frequency and direct services to Liverpool, to improve access to jobs and reduce car-based commuting.	No change is recommended, as Point 9 of Policy CS10 will already allow these improvements to be supported, subject to the identification of a viable and suitably funded scheme which can be supported under Policy CS41 – Transport Schemes and through the emerging Core Strategy Infrastructure Plan and Delivery Framework.

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Support the priorities that have been developed for this Settlement Area but Policy CS10 could be strengthened by identifying the broad quantum of development to be focused in key locations.	No change is recommended, as the provision of detailed numbers would be over detailed and inflexible and was opposed by respondents to previous consultations. Further information on the potential capacity of the Settlement Area is however available within the supporting evidence base documents and has been used to identify likely future infrastructure requirements in consultation with infrastructure providers.