Northside Neighbourhood Framework – Consultation Analysis

Consultee	Section	Comment	Action Taken
Consultee National Highways	Section Northside Neighbourhood Framework	The Framework site is in close proximity to M53 J1 and it is important that any masterplanning phase that comes forward after adoption of the Framework document takes the impact of traffic on this junction into account. Although a brownfield site, the large-scale redevelopment of the area is likely to have more of a traffic impact than the neighbouring Scotts Quay site. We would welcome further discussions with Wirral on this matter as the planning process continues. Aside from the need for further understanding regarding the future traffic impact, National Highways is overall supportive of the measures being promoted within the Framework document. In particular, section 2.8 on access and movement sets out to respond to the growing emphasis on sustainable and active transport solutions, such as trains, shuttle buses, cycling and walking. The prioritisation of pedestrian and cycle movements on streets by ensuring that they offer the most convenient routes for local trips is also welcomed. Our own net-zero carbon ambitions are assisted greatly by the promotion of sustainable, developer-led sites and the encouragement of nonvehicular methods of travel. Furthermore, developments within brownfield sites, where public transport and active travel connections are already available or can be improved to cater for an expanding population, should be promoted ahead of sites where additional highway mitigation might be	Action Taken No amendment to masterplan document
Homes England	Northside Neighbourhood Framework	required. Therefore, development such as that proposed within the Framework document is to be encouraged. As a prescribed body, we would firstly like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation. Homes England is the government's	No amendment to masterplan document

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		housing and regeneration agency. We will drive regeneration and housing delivery to create high-quality homes and thriving places. This will support greater social justice, the levelling up of communities across England and the creation of places people are proud to call home. Homes England does not wish to make any representations on the above consultation. We will however continue to engage with you as appropriate	
Natural England	Northside Neighbourhood Framework	Natural England supports the Framework vision and objectives and is pleased to see a strong emphasis on green infrastructure, nature corridors, and the promotion of wellbeing via increased access to nature. We welcome the goals of the draft framework, particularly those pertaining to increasing connection with nature, the protection and enhancement of existing natural assets, and Green Infrastructure (GI). The Framework should set out a clear vision for delivering GI, including identification of deficiencies in provision and opportunities for new and enhanced GI. GI policy should support and align with other natural environment policies, such as those on sustainable drainage systems, biodiversity, access, active travel and open space protection and enhancement	No amendment to masterplan document
Historic England	Northside Neighbourhood Framework	Historic England welcomes the creation of frameworks such as Northside, which can help to guide development and enable change to be managed in a positive way. In this instance we note that the neighbourhood framework builds upon the Birkenhead 2040 Framework upon which we provided advice in 2021. We acknowledge that the Northside area has potential to accommodate change; and we are supportive in principle of many of the ideas outlined within the document. However, we do not wish to comment in detail on the content of this framework	No amendment to masterplan document

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Canal and River Trust	Northside Neighbourhood	Thank you for your consultation on the Northside	No amendment to masterplan document
	Framework	Neighbourhood Framework Consultation	
		The Canal & River Trust's interest here relates to	
		Morpeth Dock and Egerton Dock - these are both	
		outside the 'Northside' area which is the subject of	
		this policy document. We therefore have no	
		comments to make on the document as drafted.	
PLACED delivered	Northside Neighbourhood	People living on the south side of Limekiln Lane	No amendment to masterplan document
community engagement	Framework	pointed out that there were two occupied houses	
		there and asked that this is remembered as the	
		Neighbourhood Framework is finalised and future	
		development designed. Another person thought that	
		the designs should enable views down to the water. A	
		preference was expressed for quiet types of	
		industries and low-rise residential buildings. Finally,	
		the need for more green spaces was identified. A	
		business owner local to the area thought that further	
		direct engagement with existing and potentially new	
		businesses is needed.	
United Utilities	Northside Neighbourhood	We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the	No amendment to masterplan document
	Framework	proposals with you to understand your plans better	
		and discuss the issues which we have raised in this	
		submission. We would specifically like to highlight the	
		following: - How water and wastewater assets	
		represent a constraint to any development that must	
		be carefully considered; - How sustainable foul and	
		surface water drainage can be integrated into your	
		proposals; - The risk of flooding from the public	
		sewer; - The need for a co-ordinated and holistic	
		approach to infrastructure delivery across the NNF	
		and across the wider regeneration proposals for	
		Birkenhead; and - How water efficiency measures can	
		be incorporated into the proposals	
Chris Wilkinson	Northside Neighbourhood	Hello lan my name is Chris Wilkinson and I'm a	No amendment to masterplan document
	Framework	resident of Wirral. The development looks very	
		interesting and long overdue. My question is who	
		actually owns the freehold of the land ?	

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PLACED Engagement	PLACED Addit	Action Taken		
	Positive Negative			
Participants asked 'The proposals are to create a new, modern employment area at Northside. What sort of benefits do you think that could bring?'	 More connected and collaborative business environment Creating a neighbourhood more attractive to businesses looking to relocate to a more commercial district with incentives Facilitating entreprenurial and training networks Responding to the demand for a range of plot and building sizes to suit different businesses Allow for future expansion of businesses without needing to relocate 	 Ensuring current businesses are not neglected or moved out Provide apprenticeships with local colleges and young people. 	No amendment to masterplan document	
Participants asked about their concerns related to the proposals	 Idea of starting from a blank canvas was also thought to be potentially positive. The different uses should be adequately located. Well-paid apprenticeship opportunities should be provided to young people. 	 A business owner local to the area thought that there currently was no transparency about the future of their company. They asked whether it was possible to stay within the site and to have support, in the case they should move. Suggesting that further direct engagement with existing and potentially new businesses is needed. People felt worried that the project would not include heritage buildings. apprenticeship opportunities should be provided to young people 	No amendment to masterplan document	
provided large printed map of the neighbourhood area enabled people to add geographically specific comments.	 Designs should enable views down to the water. A preference was expressed for quiet types of industries and low-rise residential buildings. Need for more green spaces was identified 	People living on the south side of Limekiln Lane pointed out that there were two occupied houses there and asked that this is remembered as the Neighbourhood Framework is finalised and future development designed.	No amendment to masterplan document	

PLACED Engagement	PLACED Additional Comments		Action Taken
	Positive	Negative	
Do you agree with these ideas for Northside? nine people answered this question	 Seven individuals agreed or strongly agreed with the project One person who was in favour of the proposals for Northside thought that it would be good for jobs in the area. 	 two individuals strongly disagreed One person who disagreed with the proposals explained that they felt like 	No amendment to masterplan document