

# Council – 19 August 2024

## Amendments to Motions on Notice as Amended

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### LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP MOTION:

#### RESPONDING TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF) & STANDARD FORMULA CONSULTATION

##### Labour Group Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Paul Stuart**  
**Seconded by Councillor Angie Davies**

Council notes the statement made to the House of Commons by The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government concerning the proposed revisions to the NPPF and in particular changes to the standard method to calculate local housing need.

Council notes the challenges Government is aiming to respond to including a national housing shortage, high affordability ratios (which on Wirral equate to over 6x the medium salary), and high numbers of people on local waiting lists for housing. However Council believes the proposed standard method of calculation *is flawed and* has produced national targets which undermine local regeneration priorities.

Council is clear that a well-researched and authoritative response is needed to the consultation announced covering the suggested changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and revised formulae.

Council therefore requests that the Chief Planning Officer produces a response to the consultation taking into account the significant progress that Wirral's draft local plan has made and the important stage that the Council has reached in discussions with the inspectorate on housing delivery and a stepped housing trajectory.

Council recognises the trailblazing significance of the brownfield proposals set out in the draft submission of the Local Plan as published and tested by the submissions made to the enquiry hearings and the full acceptance of the housing numbers set out at the inquiry, and above all, the recognition that there was no need to make inroads into the Green Belt, Urban Green Spaces, and agricultural land.

Council remains of the view that the right balance has been secured and achieved in the draft Local Plan and the aim of securing development on brownfield sites, along with the prospect of the regeneration and renewal that Council is determined to secure for Wirral.

**AMENDMENT ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY**

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