

PUBLICATION DRAFT WYRE LOCAL PLAN (2011-2031) (INCORPORATING PARTIAL UPDATE OF 2022) – PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS

PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2022

Guidance Note

Introduction

The Wyre Local Plan 2031-2031 Partial Review (now referred to as a Partial Update) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination on 25 April 2022. Hearings took place on the 27 and 28 September 2022. During the examination, including the hearing sessions, the Planning Inspector has identified a number of Main Modifications (MM) that are necessary to make the Plan sound. This is without prejudice to the Inspector’s final conclusions and recommendations.

In accordance with the request of the Inspector, Wyre Borough Council has published its proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) (referred to below as simply “the Plan”) for public consultation.

The consultation period is from Wednesday 12 October 2022 to 5pm Wednesday 23 November 2022 inclusive. Please note that representations can only be received during the consultation period. **Late representations cannot be accepted.**

The proposed Main Modifications are presented in the form of a schedule. Within the schedule each modification is given a reference number. It is important that when commenting on a main modification you quote the relevant reference number (or numbers if you are commenting on more than one proposed modification). The Schedule can be viewed on the council’s website <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-partial-review-2011-2031-1/6> Paper copies of the Schedule will be available for inspection throughout the consultation period at:

Wyre Council, Civic Centre Reception, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU
Cleveleys Library, Rossall Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 1EE
Fleetwood Library, North Albert Street, Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 6AJ
Garstang Library, Windsor Road, Garstang, PR3 1ED
Knott End Library, Lancaster Road, Knott End, Lancashire, FY6 0AU
Poulton Library Blackpool Old Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7DH
Thornton Library, Victoria Road East, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 3SZ

Alongside the proposed Main Modifications, the council is also publishing a Schedule of Additional Modifications. These are minor amendments such as addressing typographical errors or changes. The Additional Modifications are not the subject of public consultation as they do not affect the “soundness” of the plan.

This guidance note has been produced to assist you with making representations on the proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan.

Local Plan Legal Compliance

The Inspector has considered the matter of legal compliance as part of the examination process. This includes a consideration of representation already made on this matter. His final conclusions regarding soundness and procedural compliance will be set out in the report to be produced following consultation on the proposed Main Modifications. You should consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

- The process of community involvement for the proposed Main Modifications should be in general accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI sets out the strategy for involving the community in the preparation of the Local Plan.
- The Local Plan should comply with the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). On publication of the Proposed Main Modifications, the council must publish the relevant documents, making them available on its website and at its principal offices. It must also notify the Local Plan bodies (as set out in the Regulations) and any persons who have requested to be notified.

The Statement of Community Involvement is available from the examination library at the above web link for the consultation or by contacting the Planning Policy Team (see below).

If you consider the Main Modifications to the Local Plan not to be legally compliant, please state clearly your reasons and explain how legal compliance can be achieved. Please refer to specific Main Modification reference numbers if required.

The Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications includes a statement on the Sustainability Appraisal and technical assessments.

Main Modifications and the Test of Soundness

The proposed Main Modifications generally take the form of changes, deletions or insertions to policies and supporting text.

The proposed Main Modifications have been made to make the Plan “sound”. Through the examination the Inspector will consider whether or not the Plan passes the test of “soundness” set by the government’s National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (paragraph 35). To be found sound a plan has to be:

- Positively prepared - This means that the Plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is practical to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- Justified - The Plan should be the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;
- Effective - The Plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross- boundary strategic matters;
- Consistent with national policy - The Plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and other relevant statements of national policy.

The National Planning Policy Framework 2021 is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Making Your Representation

Representations should be submitted in writing to the Planning Policy Team by:

e-mail at planning.policy@wyre.gov.uk or

Post to Planning Policy, Wyre Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU.

Your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and any suggested further modification.

It is important to note that representations can only be made in relation to the proposed Main Modifications and any legal compliance and soundness issues they raise. There is no need to repeat any previously submitted representation, nor can the council accept comments on aspects of the Plan not subject to a Main Modification.

Representations received relating to the proposed Main Modifications will be submitted to the Inspector for his consideration.

Please note that your representation **must** include your name and address plus an e-mail address if you have one. If you are representing an organisation please provide its name.

It is not possible for representations to be considered anonymously.

If you are an agent completing this form on behalf of a client, please provide in full your details and the name, address and post code of your client. **Where an agent is representing a client, all correspondence will be sent to the agent.**

For information on data protection please read the Planning Service Privacy Notice at: <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/download/27/service-area-privacy-notice>

Representations cannot be treated as confidential as they will be included as part of the submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate. Your name and representation will be published as part of the documents supporting the examination process. Any other personal details such as postal address and e-mail address will **not** be published.

The council reserve the right not to publish or take into account any representations which it considers offensive or defamatory.

If you would like assistance in completing your representation or have any other questions about the Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy team using the e-mail address above.

If you would like to be added to the Local Plan consultation database, please complete the online form at: <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/local-plan/local-plan-2011-2031/3>

Everyone who is on the consultation database, will be notified of key stages of the local plan process, including the publication of the Inspector's recommendations and the adoption of the Plan.

Next Steps

After the close of the consultation the council will submit the responses to the examining Inspector who will consider the matters raised. He may require further hearings to take place or, alternatively, move to complete his report on the Plan. The Plan will then be considered and adopted by Wyre Full Council.