

MEETING: CABINET  
DATE: Thursday 1st October, 2015  
TIME: 10.00 am  
VENUE: Birkdale Room, Town Hall, Southport

**Member**

Councillor

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject/Author(s)</u>	<u>Wards Affected</u>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>		
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Members are requested to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, before leaving the meeting room during the discussion on that particular item.		
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2015		(Pages 5 - 20)
* 4.	<b>Substance Misuse Detoxification Service</b> Report of the Interim Director of Public Health	All Wards	(Pages 21 - 28)
* 5.	<b>Integrated Wellness Service Specification</b> Report of the Interim Director of Public Health	All Wards	(Pages 29 - 36)
* 6.	<b>Sefton's Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy</b> Report of the Head of Locality Services - Commissioned	All Wards	(Pages 37 - 54)
* 7.	<b>Local Plan Update and Proposed Modifications</b> Report of the Chief Executive	All Wards	(Pages 55 - 124)
* 8.	<b>Consultation on Replacement Draft 'New Housing Developments' and 'House Extensions' Supplementary Planning Documents</b> Report of the Chief Executive	All Wards	(Pages 125 - 176)

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	1 October 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	Local Plan Update and Post Submission Changes	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards)
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Executive		
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	Yes	<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt/Confidential</b>	No		

## Purpose/Summary

Since submission of the Local Plan for examination in August, it is proposed to make a number of changes to take account of representations where they will help to secure that the Plan is 'sound', updated evidence and to make minor editorial changes etc. This is regarded as good practice.

The report therefore seeks approval of proposed changes to the Local Plan (known as post submission changes) since it has been submitted for examination; approval of the Local Development Scheme and Authority Monitoring Report; and to provide an update on a number of recently completed studies.

## Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet approve the following:

- (i) The list of proposed post submission changes to the Local Plan for consideration by the Planning Inspector at the Local Plan examination, including changes to the Policy Map
- (ii) The adoption of the Local Development Scheme
- (iii) The Authority Monitoring Report for 2015.

## How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
3	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
4	Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Children and Young People		✓	
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local		✓	

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## Reasons for the Recommendation:

To have in place a number of proposed changes to the Local Plan prior to the examination hearings. This will help show how the Council intends to respond to a number of representations were it accepts the premise of the argument and which would help to make the Plan sound.

To fulfil the Council's requirement to have an up-to-date Local Development Scheme and Authority Monitoring Report.

## Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None. It is good practice to suggest post submission changes which the Council supports before the examination of the Local Plan. This will also help to reduce the length of the examination hearings, and would mean that officers are relying on out-of-date evidence.

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

Within the Local Plans budget

### (B) Capital Costs

None

## Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b> Indirect consequences as set out above (alternative options considered).
<b>Legal</b> The comments of the Head of Regulation and Compliance have been incorporated into the report.
<b>Human Resources</b> N/A.
<b>Equality</b> 1. No Equality Implication 2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains

## **Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:**

None

## **What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted and it is noted the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council. Any costs can be met from the Local Plans budget (FD3807/15)

Head of Regulation and Compliance have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report. LD 3090/15)

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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## **Background Papers:**

The representations to the Local Plan can be accessed via [www.sefton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/localplan) , the evidence base via [www.sefton.gov.uk/eamlibrary](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/eamlibrary) , the LDS via [www.sefton.gov.uk/lDs](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/lDs) , the AMR via [www.sefton.gov.uk/amr](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/amr) and the proposed SPDs on [www.sefton.gov.uk/spd](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/spd) .

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## 1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Local Plan for Sefton was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 3 August 2015. Mr Martin Pike has been appointed as the Planning Inspector to examine the Sefton Local Plan. It is anticipated the examination hearings will take place from the third week in November. This will be confirmed following the Pre-Hearing Meeting which is scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Invitations have been sent to everyone who has commented on the Local Plan, asking them if they wish to attend.
- 1.2 As we progress towards the Examination hearings there is an opportunity for the Council to suggest to the Inspector proposed changes to the draft Local Plan. These are known as 'post submission changes'. Whilst a number of these are minor changes, such as typographical errors or changes to improve accuracy, clarity and consistency, there are a number that change the meaning or direction of a policy. These may be a result of the Council responding to comments made during publication stage or as a result of new evidence that has emerged since the Council published the Local Plan in January. In a number of instances this also requires changes to the Policy Map.
- 1.3 One of the changes is that we will be adding a 'Key Diagram' which shows where the main development areas etc are located. We also need to refer to the need for an immediate review of the Local Plan as the draft Plan refers to an early review. It is also proposed to add further references to the need for improved rail access to the Port.

In addition it is important that the Council have an updated Local Development Scheme and Authority Monitoring Report in advance of the examination hearing. A Local Development Scheme is essentially a schedule of planning documents the Council intends to produce in the near future. It is intended to assist those who wish to be involved in the development of planning policy. More information on the Local Development Scheme is provided in Section 3 below.

- 1.4 The Authority Monitoring Report is a document which sets out how well the Council is doing in achieving its Planning Policy Objectives. It is a means to determine what outcomes policies are having and whether the policies need to be changed. The Authority Monitoring Report also reports on the Council's approach to meeting the Duty to Co-operate and what progress has been made with regard to Neighbourhood Planning and the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy. More information is provided in Section 4 below.
- 1.5 Since the Local Plan was submitted a number of documents have been completed which will be potentially be discussed at the examination hearings. These are updates of existing studies that have taken account of when preparing the Local Plan. More information is provided in section 5 below.

## 2. Proposed Post Submission Changes

- 2.1 The Local Plan was submitted in August. It is good practice to propose changes to the Plan to respond to comments made. This will help to reduce the length of the examination hearings. There are a number of changes that the Council would like the Inspector to consider for the reasons set out above. Many of these are minor,

such as updating names of organisations, adding policy links, correcting typographical errors etc., but others are more substantial that will change or introduce new policy. A list of changes that the Council wish the Planning Inspector to consider during the Local Plan examination are provided at Annex A.

- 2.2 One of the key changes that is proposed is to update the capacity of a number of proposed allocation sites under Policy MN2, 'Housing, Employment and Mixed Use Allocations', based on recently granted planning permissions, developer feedback, and revised site areas.
- 2.3 Major changes are also proposed to Policies NH1 – NH3 to reflect work that has been undertaken on the Ecological Network. Changes to Policy HC2 are proposed to simplify the requirement for the number of properties in larger schemes [50 homes or more] to be three-bedroomed or less.
- 2.4 A number of changes are proposed to the Policy Map to reflect changes elsewhere in the Local Plan. The Nature Improvement Areas will no longer be shown on the Policy Map. Some housing allocations have had minor amends to reflect more up-to-date information, for example site MN2.46 is proposed to be reduced slightly to reflect the land required for the provision of the slip roads which are to be provided on the south side of the M58 motorway. The locations covered by the Tourism policy [Policy ED5] will be shown on the Policy Map. These comprise Southport Seafront and Central Area, Crosby Coastal Park, Aintree Racecourse and adjacent to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.
- 2.5 It is likely that a further set of changes will need to be approved in November. These include revisions to Policy MN3 'Land east of Maghull' taking account of on-going work relating to the development of this site, and the provision of a new policy for the site at Moss Lane, Churchtown [site MN2.4]. This will indicate how the Council intends to address issues relating to this site which have emerged since the Local Plan was submitted. This includes addressing the risk from flooding and access issues.

### **3. Local Development Scheme**

- 3.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a document that sets out the timetable the Council will follow in its production of planning policy documents. Councils are required to produce under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). It must be available publicly and kept up to date. A copy of the draft Local Development Scheme can be viewed at [www.sefton.gov.uk/lds](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/lds).
- 3.2 Since the previous Local Development Scheme of Sefton was published in January 2015 there have been changes that make the version produced out of date. The timetable of the Local Plan has been updated, and information has been added to indicate broad timetables for producing Supplementary Planning Documents, Community Infrastructure Levy and for Neighbourhood Planning. Specifically, the date of submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State has changed from May 2015 to August 2015 due to the volume of consultation responses received and due to the need to update critical evidence.



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- 3.3 The Council has, or intends to, publish a number of draft Supplementary Planning Documents [SPD] for public consultation over the next six – nine months. Whilst the Council doesn't need to set out its timetable for SPDs in the LDS, it considers this is useful information for the public to see what documents will be available for comment and how emerging policy will be implemented.
- 3.4 The Council also intends to publish a draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule for comment. This will need to be considered by Cabinet in the near future. The preliminary draft charging schedule will be available for comment in the first part of 2016, with a final draft available in spring 2016.
- 3.5 Finally the Council intends to update its Statement of Community Involvement starting later this year. Again, this will need to be approved by the relevant Cabinet Member before early consultation takes place in the spring.

## 4. Authority Monitoring Report

- 4.1 Monitoring is a key element of the planning and a requirement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (section 35). The Localism Act 2011 and the subsequent Town and Country Planning [Local Planning ] [England] Regulations 2012 places a duty for the Local Planning Authority to prepare monitoring reports, known as Authority Monitoring Reports [AMRs], and to report these to the public.

LDS Function	Outcome
Reviewing progress of the Council's Local Plan	Progress with the Council's Local Plan has broadly been in line with the programme set out in the Local Development Scheme.
Reporting on how the Council has undertaken its Duty to Co-operate	A 'task and finish' group has been set up between the Merseyside Authorities and West Lancashire to manage the future approach to assessing housing and employment land requirements in the sub-region.
Reporting on Neighbourhood Planning	Lydiate Parish Council has applied for a Neighbourhood Plan Area to be designated. None of the other three Neighbourhood Plans under preparation (Formby, Melling and Maghull) have been submitted for independent examination
Reporting on progress with the Community Infrastructure Levy	A preliminary draft charging schedule is due to be reported to Cabinet in November
Providing information which the Local Planning Authority have collected for monitoring purposes	A whole range of monitoring on housing, employment and leisure is provided.

## 5. Completion of Additional Studies to Support Local Plan

- 5.1 Since the Local Plan was approved for submission in July a small number of additional studies have been commissioned or completed. Others are still being

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prepared. These will be ready in time to inform the examination hearings of the Local Plan.

- 5.2 The Council has had its Employment Land and Premises Study updated by the BE Group. The previous study was completed in 2010. It was considered important that this key piece of evidence was updated prior to the Local Plan examination hearings. The final Employment Land and Premises Study is part of the Local Plan examination library [document EM.1] and can be viewed at [www.sefton.gov.uk/examlibrary](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/examlibrary). This supports the allocations in the Local Plan.
- 5.3 Mott MacDonald were commissioned to undertake an assessment of the Traffic Implications of the Proposed Local Plan Housing and Employment Allocations. This concludes that it is likely there will be some areas where congestion is likely to be a concern over the period to 2030, mainly in the Crosby/Thornton area. The study suggests that further work is required to determine the exact location and nature of the issues and what improvements are required. This report is available in the Local Plan examination library [document TR.2] at [www.sefton.gov.uk/examlibrary](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/examlibrary).

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Written Statement		
Reference	Change	Comment/ Reason for Change
<b>General</b>	Replace all references to English Heritage (now Historic England) with Historic England and 'Highways Agency' to 'Highways England'.	To reflect the change in the names of these organisations.
<b>1.4</b>	Under 'Evidence', replace 'European Habitats Directives' with 'Habitats Regulations'.	To correct a factual error
<b>1.6A</b>	Add a new paragraph 1.6A to state 'Although the Local Plan contains policy IN3 'Managing Waste', more detailed guidance about the allocation of sites for waste disposal and detailed policies for the management of waste are contained in the joint Waste Local Plan, which has been adopted by the six Merseyside districts.'	To add clarity.
<b>1.6B</b>	Add a new paragraph after paragraph 1.6A to state that 'The Council will prepare a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide further detail and guidance on the policies and proposals in the development plan. Where SPDs are proposed, this is indicated in the explanation to the policy. They do not form part of the statutory development plan themselves. When adopted by the Council, they will be a material consideration in determining planning applications.'	To add clarity
<b>1.17</b>	Replace 'early review' with 'immediate review'. An additional sentence has been added to the end of this paragraph: 'A commitment to undertaking the necessary sub-regional studies is currently being sought from the other Liverpool City Region local authorities, as set out in the Duty to Cooperate document' and Council Minute 26, 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015 (Examination library references LP12 and CM19b respectively)	To confirm the action the Council is taking in recognition of the need for it to undertake an immediate review of the Local Plan.
<b>1.21</b>	Replace the reference to the 'Nature Improvement Area' with 'Ecological Network'.	To refer to the whole of the supporting evidence, rather than part of it.
<b>2.2</b>	Replace 'It' with 'The Combined Authority' has received £230m	To provide clarity
<b>2.5</b>	Replace Antony Gormley's 'Iron Men sculptures' with 'Another Place sculpture'	To give this sculpture its correct name.
<b>2.6</b>	Replace 'reserves' with 'sites' after 'Internationally important nature'. The number of each type of site has been corrected as follows: '6 International Sites comprising 1 SAC, 2 Ramsar sites and 3 SPAs; 10 national sites comprising 4 SSSIs, 3NNRs and 3LNRs; and 56 Local Wildlife Sites and 12 Local Geological Sites'.  References to the 'European Union Habitats Directive' and 'EU Birds Directive' should be replaced with 'Habitats Regulations'.	To correct factual errors

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2.9	Add 'Lydiate,' to the list of settlements that the Leeds and Liverpool Canal passes through. Add 'and ecology' after 'tourism'.	For clarity.
2.12	An additional sentence should be added 'Significant investment and redevelopment has already taken place, particularly associated with the former Housing Market Renewal initiative and other former industrial sites.'	To indicate that some investment has already taken place and is continuing to be sought so that these sites can be recycled and re-used.
2.20	Add 'some' before 'areas of deprivation in Bootle'	For clarity.
2.26	Add 'Liverpool2' after 'the Seaforth River Terminal'	To use the same name as the Port Master Plan (Examination library reference EM.8)
2.26	Add a new paragraph 2.26A 'In addition to the need for road improvements, there is also a need to promote multimodal access to the port. The more rail and water can be used to transport goods to and from the port, the more this can help relieve pressure on the road network. However, it is acknowledged there will still be a major role for road transport depending on the destinations of the cargo being carried to and from the port. The Southern Zone of the Port of Liverpool (south of Alexandra Dock down to Sandon Dock) does not have rail access at the moment. Merseytravel, on behalf of City Region partners, has commissioned a rail connectivity study to look into options for reconnecting this part of the port to the rail network.'	To respond to the representation by Merseytravel (553) and to provide updated information.
2.33	The reference to Brooms Cross Road in the last sentence has been updated as follows: 'was completed in August 2015 with the objective of easing these problems.'	To update the Plan.
2.33	Reference added to 'the Dunnings Bridge Road corridor' after 'Thornton to Switch Island'.	For clarity - this is currently the main route between the Port in Sefton and the motorway network at Switch Island.
2.34	The reference to 2006 travel to work modes has been replaced by the percentage in the 2011 census.	To update the information provided.
Pages 13-15	The source of the population figures for each part of Sefton has been added to confirm that these are the ONS mid-year population statistics (2012).	For clarity
2.43	Add '2013 – 2018 (2014)' after 'Health and Well-being Strategy.'	For clarity
2.45	'Liverpool2' has been added before 'deep river berth'.	To provide clarity and for

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		consistency with the Port Master Plan (Examination library reference EM.8).
2.53	Add 'more commonly referred to as Melling' after 'Waddicar'.	To provide clarity
2.54	Remove 'Melling' from the list of villages.	Although the hamlet of 'Melling' has historic roots, as distinct from the suburban area which also goes by this name, the inclusion of Melling in both paragraph 2.53 and 2.54 is confusing and inconsistent with its use elsewhere in the Plan.
2.58	Amend the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phrase of the first sentence to read 'with small industrial areas in Formby (Formby Industrial Estate) and Maghull ...'	For clarity.
3.4	Replace the last sentence with 'Fewer children or working people in an area could make it more difficult to sustain thriving local schools, while an older population may require other services and facilities eg related to health and social services'.	For clarity.
3.10	'To' removed from sub-heading before paragraph 3.10.	For clarity.
3.14	Replace '10%' with '20%'.	For consistency with other references in the plan, and to accord with the indices of multiple deprivation.
Objective 5	Add 'district' Between 'town' and 'local centres'.	For clarity.
3.24	Delete 'generally' and replace 'retained' with 'protected' in the first sentence.	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation [P648]
3.26	Replace Antony Gormley's 'Iron Men sculptures' with 'Another Place sculpture'	To give this feature its correct name.
3.29	Add before 'coastal change' 'or areas at risk of'	For clarity.
3.31	Add 'and solar energy' to the end of the paragraph.	To correct an omission.

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4.4	Delete 'to' from the last bullet point, line 4.	To correct a typographical error.
4.5	Amend the last sentence to read '...new business parks in central Sefton to serve both the north and south of the Borough.'	For clarity.
4.17	Add a third sentence to 'In addition, there is a further need to provide 2.63ha to compensate for the loss of employment areas in the Sefton part of the L5 area identified in the Mersey Ports Master Plan.' (Examination library reference ED.8)".	To correct an omission and provide clarity.
Page 28	A Key Diagram [Figure 4.4] will be inserted after page 28 of the Local Plan.	To comply with paragraph 157 of the NPPF- " <i>Crucially, Local Plans should:... indicate broad locations for strategic development on a key diagram and land-use designations on a proposals map;</i> "
4.42	Replace 'early review' to 'Immediate review' in the heading before paragraph 4.42.	For clarity.
4.44	Replace paragraph 4.44 with the following: 'the Council is committed to an immediate review of the draft Plan. To this end, and as part of the Duty to Co-operate, it is collaborating with the other Liverpool City Region authorities to carry out a sub-regional Housing study, Employment study and Green Belt study. It has also commissioned a study to ascertain where, on the spectrum of housing need based on the employment forecasts, Sefton's objectively assessed needs, is, and one to assess the social, economic and environmental effects of increasing the amount of housing above the 615 contained in this Plan.'	To demonstrate that the Council acknowledges that it will be required to carry out an immediate review of its Local Plan once it's objectively assessed housing need has been determined.
4.55	Replace 'exactly' with 'exact' (line 2), 'recommended' with 'included' (line 3), and add 'to meet the identified needs' to the end of the paragraph.	To provide clarity.
Figures 4.2 and 4.3	Amend both tables to refer to 'Crosby and Hightown'	For clarity.
Policy SD2	Add to the 9 <sup>th</sup> bullet 'and their settings' after 'heritage assets'.	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation [P648]
5.8A	New paragraph 'In some cases these principals are also supported by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). Appendix 4 lists those currently being prepared'	For clarity.

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<b>Policy MN2</b>	<p>Amend the following site capacities and areas (where relevant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MN2.2 Bankfield Lane – increase the indicative capacity of the site from 220 to 300</li> <li>• MN2.10 Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale – increase the site area increased from 2.0 ha to 2.6 ha and the indicative capacity from 49 to 83</li> <li>• MN2.34 – Aintree Curve – increase the indicative capacity of the site from 100 to 109</li> <li>• MN2.42 – Klondyke phases 2 and 3 - increase the indicative capacity of the site from 140 to 142</li> <li>• MN2.44 – St Joan of Arc – increase the indicative capacity of the site from 48 to 51</li> <li>• MN2.46 – Land east of Maghull – decrease the site area from 86.0ha to 85.8ha</li> </ul>	To update the capacity of these sites based on recently granted planning permissions, representations from developers, and revised site areas.
<b>Policy MN2 policy link</b>	Add a policy links to policy NH2 “Protection and enhancement of nature sites, priority habitats and species’.	For clarity
<b>6.8</b>	Delete the third sentence.	To update the plan.
<b>6.8A</b>	Add a new paragraph ‘National planning policy indicates that when Green Belt boundaries are reviewed, they should be capable of enduring beyond the Plan period. However, because of the need for an immediate review of the Local Plan this may not be possible. This review needs to take account of the updated objectively assessed housing need for Sefton, the need to make provision for the conclusions of the Port Access Study, and to take account of any requirements for distribution and other Port-related development following the opening of Liverpool2 at the end of 2015 (see paragraphs 4.42 – 44),. Any changes to the boundaries of the Green Belt will be included in a future review of the Local Plan.’	To update the plan.
<b>6.68</b>	Add to the end of this sentence: ‘However, the Council has indicated (in paragraphs 4.42 - 4.44) that there may be a need for an immediate review of the Local Plan to take account of the updated objectively assessed need for housing based using the 2012-based household projections’.	To take account of the latest household projections published in February 2015 updated information
<b>6.78</b>	<p>Replace paragraph with:</p> <p>‘The two areas of Safeguarded Land have a combined potential capacity of around 1,000 dwellings. In addition, it is assumed that 318 dwellings at site MN2.5 (Crowland Street, Southport), 90 dwellings at site MN2.2 Land at Moss Lane, Southport, 80 dwellings at site MN2.46 Land East of Maghull, and 263 dwellings at Town Lane, Southport (permission ref S/2012/0400) will be delivered after 2030 due to likely market take up rates. This land, with a total estimated capacity of some 1,750 dwellings, will ensure that the proposed Green Belt boundary can endure in the</p>	Amended to account for site phasing



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	longer term, beyond the current Local Plan period, though no specific time horizon is identified as to when that will be.'	
7.2	Replace 'Greater Merseyside' with 'in the Liverpool City Region' after 'any authority' (line 4).	For consistency and clarity.
7.3	Replace 'to' with 'in' (last line).	To correct a typographical error.
7.11	Replace 'react' with 'respond' (last line).	For clarity.
Policy ED1	Reword part 1f) of the policy to read: 'Provide suitable compensatory habitat which demonstrates the same functionality as that of Seaforth Nature Reserve.'	To respond to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's representation [P329]
Policy ED1	Delete part 2 b) of the policy.	To respond to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's representation [P329]
Policy ED1	Insert 'Mersey Narrows' into part 2c) of the policy before 'Liverpool Bay SPA'.	To respond to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's representation [P329]
Policy ED1	Add to the end of the existing part 4 of the policy 'both within and beyond Sefton'.	To clarify that this part of the policy applies to Sefton and neighbouring areas outside Sefton, in response to the representation from Wirral Council.
7.13 and 7.15	Liverpool2 should replace River Terminal in paragraphs 7.13 and 7.15 (2 references in the latter paragraph)	To use the same name for this development, as used in the Mersey Ports Master Plan (Examination library ref EM.8).
7.14A	Add a new paragraph after paragraph 7.14: 'Options are being explored to reconnect the Port of Liverpool (Southern Zone) between Alexandra Dock and Sandon Dock to the rail network.'	To respond to Merseytravel's comments [553].
7.15	Delete 'what mitigation' from the last sentence.	To correct a factual inaccuracy.
7.16	Replace the 6 <sup>th</sup> sentence (commencing 'Any compensatory habitat...') with 'Compensatory habitat must be of sufficient functionality and be provided in a suitable location or locations to ensure that the requirements of the species displaced by any development are met in full.	To provide clarity and respond to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's representation [P329]

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7.17	Add after the 2nd sentence 'This does not negate the need for Habitats Regulations Assessment where required.'	To add clarity.
Policy ED3	Replace part 2 of the Policy with the following: '2. Other uses will only be permitted where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are small scale or ancillary to the above uses, and would not prejudice the operation of Class B1, B2, or B8 uses within the Primarily Industrial Area, or</li> <li>• The land/premises have been continuously and actively marketed for Class B1, B2 and B8 uses for at least 2 years, and</li> <li>• The proposed use provides comparable job outputs to at least Class B8 uses (as defined by the most recent HCA Employment Densities Guide), and would not prejudice the operation of Class B1, B2, or B8 uses within the Primarily Industrial Area.'</li> </ul>	To provide clarity.
Policy ED5	Add a '1' before the existing wording, and add a new section 2 to say '2. Tourism development outside of these locations will be permitted where consistent with other Local Plan policies'.	To respond to a representation by the National Trust [P663], and to clarify the areas covered by the policy.
Policy ED5	Add after 'sites of international nature conservation importance' 'and other natural assets'.	To acknowledge that some of the sites have other nature conservation designations.
Policy links	Add the following policy links after policy ED5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MN7 'The Green Belt',</li> <li>• Heritage and Nature Conservation policies in chapter 11</li> </ul>	
7.39	Amend the second sentence of paragraph 7.39 as follows: 'Southport Seafront, Southport Central Area, Crosby Coastal Park and Aintree Racecourse are shown on the Policy Map.' The format of the rest of existing paragraph 7.39 has been amended by adding bullet points to separate the four areas, to reflect the more detailed policy approach to each area.	To provide clarity.
Policy ED6	Amend part (b) ii ( Bootle Gas Works) as follows: 'The redevelopment of this site for appropriate uses will be permitted where: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The proposed use provides a significant regeneration benefit to the area</li> <li>ii. The proposed use is compatible with the adjacent residential area</li> <li>iii. Any partial development would not prejudice the development of the remainder of the site.'</li> </ol>	For clarity

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<b>Policy ED6, part 2 (d) Seaforth Centre</b>	Remove 'defined' from in front of 'Seaforth centre'	To remove an ambiguity and provide clarity - The policy refers to the 'defined Seaforth centre', but this is not a defined local centre listed in policy ED2 'Development in town centres, district centres, local centres, local shopping centres and outside the defined centres'.
<b>7.55A</b>	Add the list of properties in a new paragraph before paragraph 7.56: 'Seaforth centre contains the following properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – 15 (odd) Sandy Lane</li> <li>• 12 – 26 (even) and 11 – 83 (odd) Seaforth Road</li> <li>• 35a and 35b Seaforth Vale</li> <li>• 1-25 (inclusive) Stella Precinct</li> <li>• The factory building on Norfolk Place, and</li> <li>• 1a Hawarden Grove.'</li> </ul>	To remove an ambiguity and provide clarity - The policy refers to the 'defined Seaforth centre', but this is not a defined local centre listed in policy ED2 'Development in town centres, district centres, local centres, local shopping centres and outside the defined centres'.
<b>Policy ED7</b>	Add the following text to the end of part 1 of the policy: "...and maintain the significance of heritage assets and their settings." Add a new part 5 c) to the policy, as follows: "Take opportunities to enhance heritage assets and their settings including securing their re-use, repair and restoration where appropriate. Where heritage is degraded through poor quality previous changes, enhancements should form part of proposals." Delete "between 91 and 581 Lord Street" from part 6 of the policy:	To respond to the English Heritage (now Historic England) representation page 2 [P648]
<b>Para 7.63</b>	Delete "between 91 and 581 Lord Street"	To respond to the English Heritage (now Historic England) representation [P648]

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7.63A	Add a new paragraph after paragraph 7.63: 'The architectural and historic interest of Southport is one of its key attractions which support the tourist economy. Throughout Southport town centre a number of the historic buildings show signs of poor maintenance or have suffered from inappropriate additions or changes to architectural features. When development affecting historic buildings is proposed , appropriate repairs and restoration of any key missing features should form part of proposals in order to enhance the conservation area, and capture wider economic and environmental benefits to support the regeneration of the town centre as a whole.'	To respond to the English Heritage (now Historic England) representation [P648]
Policy ED9	Insert a new part of the policy after part 7 (under the 'Design and Townscape' header), which states: '7A. Development proposals in proximity to the listed St Michael's Cross should enhance its setting.'	To respond to the English Heritage (now Historic England) representation pages 2 and 4 [P648]
8.5	Delete 'what' from line 1.	Minor editorial change.
Policy HC1	Delete the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence from part 5 of the policy.	For clarity.
Policy HC1	Replace part 6 of the policy with 'Where extra care or sheltered housing is proposed to be substituted for affordable housing, this must meet the tenure requirements set out in parts 2 and 4 of this policy.'	For clarity.
Policy HC1	Add a new point 9 to address commuted sum payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site provision of affordable housing, or a financial contribution of broadly equivalent value, will be considered where it can be robustly justified, and where the agreed approach contributes to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities.</li> </ul>	To accord with NPPF paragraph 50
8.13	Add to the start of the paragraph 'The affordable housing contribution is rounded up to the nearest whole number equating to a minimum of 30% of bedspaces. Within this 30%, the social housing element is rounded up to a minimum of 80% in respect of the total affordable housing requirement.'	To provide clarity.
Policy HC2 part 1	Replace part 1 of the policy with: 'In developments of 50 or more dwellings, at least 50% of new market properties must have 3 bedrooms or less.'	To provide flexibility and accord with the 2014 SHMA (Examination library reference HO.5)
Policy HC2 part 2	Replace the requirement for Lifetime Homes with the following:	To update this requirement.

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	'In developments of 50 or more dwellings, at least 20% of new market properties must be designed to meet Building Regulation Requirement M4(2) 'accessible and adaptable dwellings'.	
<b>Policy HC2</b>	Add new part 5: 'The Council will support proposals for custom or self-build homes on appropriate sites.'	To reflect new legislation [Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015] and the findings of the North Star Assessment.
<b>8.24</b>	In the penultimate sentence delete 'of' before '15% of new housing' and add commas after 'the plan period' and 'about 1,674 dwellings'.	For clarity.
<b>8.31</b>	Delete this paragraph and replace it with: In this context, the construction of 20% of new housing in developments of 50 homes or more to Building Regulation M4(2) will help to provide more flexible accommodation. Optional Technical Standards for Housing allow planning authorities to set additional technical requirements exceeding the minimum standards required by Building Regulations in respect to access. Optional standard M4(2) ensures new housing incorporates features that make it adaptable to a wide range of occupants, including older people. The emerging Affordable, Special Needs and Older People's Housing SPD will provide further guidance on policy HC2 part 2.	The paragraph explains the requirements for Lifetime Homes, which are no longer extant.
<b>8.34A</b>	Insert a new paragraph: 'Custom and Self Build homes are a means of allowing local people or groups to commission, design, construct or complete their own home. Sefton has recently completed an Assessment of the Potential for Self Build and Custom Build Homes in the borough. Whilst this assessment hasn't been able to determine a level of demand in Sefton for these types of schemes, it has proposed a number of recommendations to allow the Council to further understand likely demand. One recommendation is for the setting up of a register to allow people and groups to indicate that they want to custom or self-build their homes. Another recommendation is that the Council identifies a small number of pilot sites to be made available for custom and self-build homes. The Council intends to implement both of these recommendations in the short term. These will provide a much better view of the demand for this type of accommodation in Sefton and may lead to a Supplementary Planning Document and/or a review of how the Council disposes of its excess land.'	To reflect new legislation [Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015] and the findings of the North Star Assessment.
<b>HC3 part 3</b>	Amend bullet point b) by adding 'or designated' after 'allocated' and add a new bullet point d) 'where this is consistent with other policies in the Plan' after the third bullet.	For clarity.

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HC3 part 4	Add 'of the net developable area' after '30 dwellings per hectare'	To make it clear that density figures in part 4 of the policy relate to net developable area, to respond to HBF comments [P.707]
8.38	Add to the end of the paragraph: There may be other policy reasons (eg flood risk, heritage or nature conservation reasons) why the development may be inappropriate. This does not apply in the Green Belt unless the criteria set out in paragraphs 89 and 90 of the National Planning Policy Framework are met.	For clarity.
HC5 part 2	Add an additional bullet point 'The development of site HC5.4 for a transit site should include appropriate boundary treatment.'	
8.55	Add '(HC5.3)' after 'Plex Moss Lane, Ainsdale' in line 5. Add an extra sentence to the end of the paragraph. 'As site HC5.3 is located in open countryside in a prominent location, it is essential that appropriate boundary treatment is provided.'	For clarity. To respond to FRAGOFF comments [P.740]
HC7 part 2	Add 'of the site' after 'Development', and replace 'the heritage characteristics of the site' with 'to minimise harm to the historic environment and its setting'.	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s comments [P.648]
Policy HC7 part 3	Amend part 3 of the policy to refer to the need to demonstrate that the institution and its ancillary facilities are surplus to recreational requirements: 3. 'Development for an alternative use which is compatible with the surrounding area is acceptable in principle, where appropriate evidence is provided that the institution and its ancillary facilities are surplus to recreational requirements'.	To respond to Sport England's representation [P.725]
8.69	Amend the start of the first sentence to read: 'Land which is used as, or has last been used as, playing fields, outdoor sporting facilities or ancillary facilities development, must also...' Amend the end of the second sentence to refer to national 'policy and' guidance not just national guidance, so that it reads' in line with national policy and guidance'.	To respond to Sport England's comments [P.725]
Policy IN1 part 2	Add 'community,' to part 2 of the policy.	To meet in part the Theatres Trust's representation [P.599]
Policy IN1	Add to end of part 8 of the policy: 'Where scheme viability will be affected, developers will be expected to provide Viability Assessments which will be taken into account as a material	To respond to the representation by TWUK App

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	consideration in the determination of planning applications.'	10 [P685]
9.7	Add two additional bullet points to the list in this paragraph. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat compensation or mitigation [see policy NH2 Protection and Enhancement of Nature Sites, Priority Habitats and Species]</li> <li>Cross boundary infrastructure</li> </ul>	For clarity.
9.8	Add to the end of the second sentence: 'and potentially on cross boundary infrastructure.'	To respond to Wirral MBC's comments [P.594]
9.12A – 9.12C	Add three new paragraphs after paragraph 9.12: '9.12A United Utilities will seek to coordinate the delivery of development with timing for the delivery of infrastructure improvements once more details are known about allocated sites, in respect of the approach to surface water management and proposed connection points to the foul sewer network. 9.12B On the larger sites, it may be necessary to ensure that the delivery of development is guided by strategies for infrastructure which ensure coordination between phases of development over lengthy periods of time and by numerous developers. 9.12C Sefton Council will support the principle of investment in infrastructure to respond to development and environmental needs. Infrastructure is key to the delivery of sustainable development and economic growth, and meeting the development needs of the Borough.'	To respond to United Utilities comments [P.722]
9.14	In the last sentence, replace 'types of transport' with 'a wide range of transport types'.	Minor editorial change
Policy IN2	Policy IN2 section 1, last bullet point, replace 'Aintree Curve' with the 'North Mersey Branch line'.	To respond to the representation from Merseytravel [553]
Policy IN2	Add a 7 <sup>th</sup> part to the policy: '7. The Council will support initiatives that explore options to reconnect the Port of Liverpool (Southern Zone) between Alexandra Dock and Sandon Dock to the rail network. The alignment of the Canada Dock rail line from the Bootle Branch will be safeguarded until further decisions are made on the way forward. Proposals by Peel to extend the existing rail lines within the Port of Liverpool at Seaforth to directly serve the new Liverpool Container Terminal (L2) will be supported.'	To respond to the representation from Merseytravel [553]
Policy IN2 policy links	Under National/Regional Context, add '[LTP3]' after the Merseyside Local Transport Plan for Growth'.	To respond to Merseytravel comments [P.553]

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9.17	Add as a new penultimate sentence: 'Options are being explored to reconnect the Port of Liverpool (Southern Zone) between Alexandra Dock and Sandon Dock to the rail network.'	To respond to Merseytravel comments [P.553]
9.28	Delete 'and Appropriate Assessment'.	This is not necessary as it 'appropriate assessment' is part of the HRA.
Policy EQ1	Amend the sixth bullet point by adding ', betting offices, tanning salons' after 'non-food and drink uses'.	For clarity.
10.48	Replace the reference to the 'Code for Sustainable Homes' with a reference to M4(2) of the Building Regulations.	To update the plan
Policy EQ3-Accessibility	Replace the 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> bullet points with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the needs of all residents and users of services and buildings, including those with limited mobility are met.</li> <li>• Ensure existing pedestrian and cycle paths are protected and where possible enhanced.</li> <li>• Ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and all road users is not adversely affected, and</li> </ul>	To ensure greater clarity and to include protection of existing cycle and footpaths.
Policy EQ3-Accessibility	Replace 'Comply' with 'Reflect'.	To respond to the representation by the Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Ltd [726] and to take account of the Ministerial Statement March 2015.
Policy EQ8	Add 'in accordance with national policy' to the end of the first sentence of part 1 of the policy.	To respond to the representation by Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd and Persimmon Homes Lancashire [715] and ensure consistency with NPPF.
Policy EQ8	Amend section 4 b) by adding 'the attenuated' before 'discharge of surface water' and add '(infiltration)' to the end of the first bullet point.	To respond to the United Utilities [772] comments.
10.53	Revise the last sentence to read: It also links to national requirements for sustainable drainage set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and other national policy guidance.	To update the plan



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10.55	Amend references to 'Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)' to 'National Planning Practice Guidance (NPG)' (line 1) and references from 'PPG' to 'NPG' in the penultimate line.	To provide clarity.
10.57A	Insert a new paragraph after paragraph 10.57 'Paragraph 103 of the Framework says that development proposals should not increase flood risk elsewhere, and paragraph 100 says that local plans should use opportunities offered by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding. Part 2 of the policy reflects this. Where development proposals include raising ground levels in areas where surface water or flood water flows or collects (including Flood Zones 2 and 3), compensatory reductions in ground levels within the site must also be included. That is, where infilling of the flood plain or sustainable drainage systems is proposed, flood storage must be provided to compensate this. This is to make sure that areas next to the site or further away do not suffer from increased surface water or flood levels.'	To provide clarity about the requirements about compensation for the loss of flood storage.
10.60	Replace paragraph 10.60 with the following: 'Regarding section 4, applicants should refer to national and local guidance on sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), and should set out the arrangements for on-going maintenance. It may be that the most sustainable form of surface water drainage varies between different parts of a development site, including where a site includes areas covered by buildings or impermeable hard surfaces as well as undeveloped 'greenfield' areas, or due to the site's topography. In these cases the applicant must incorporate the most sustainable drainage option for each different part of the site within the overall drainage scheme. It is recognised that Sections 4 and 5 may be difficult to achieve for some changes of use or extensions.' Add a new paragraph 10.60A: 'The guidance includes the National Planning Practice Guidance, National Planning Practice Guidance, Ministerial Statement (December 2014) and Defra's Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (2015), and CIRIA's SuDS Manual.'	To update the text to reflect the Government's agreed approach national policy regarding sustainable drainage systems.
10.62	Amend paragraph 10.62 as follows: 'Section 6 recognises the need to retain the flood risk management functions of existing SuDS or flood risk management schemes, for example those shown as flood or surface water storage areas within planning permissions, or operating as such. Such areas are part of Sefton's strategic green infrastructure network.'	To update the text to reflect the Government's agreed approach national policy regarding sustainable drainage systems.
Policy EQ10	Amend section 2 of the policy by replacing 'food and drink uses' with 'hot food takeaways' and replacing 'will not be permitted' to 'will be subject to restriction'.	For clarity.
10.78	Move the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentences to the start of paragraph 10.79.	For clarity so that the

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	Amend the 3 <sup>rd</sup> sentence as follows 'Part 1 of this policy relates to food and drink uses covered by classes A3 – A5 of the Use Classes Order i.e. restaurants and cafes, drinking establishments and hot hoot takeaways.'	explanation relates better to parts 1 and 2 of the policy.
10.79	Add the 1 <sup>st</sup> two sentences of paragraph 10.78 to the start of paragraph 10.79. Replace 'food and drink uses' with 'hot food takeaways'.	To provide clarity and reflect the proposed change to part 2 of the policy
10.81	Replace the first sentence with 'The Council is producing a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to provide guidance on this matter.'	To update this paragraph and provide clarity.
10.84	A new first sentence should be added to this paragraph and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence revised as follows: 'The policy does not override the need to apply for listed building consent where required. The verandas in Lord St, Southport, many of which are listed buildings, and the Birkdale Village Conservation Area, which are designated heritage assets area distinctive feature and present problems with inappropriately designed advertisements '.	To provide clarity and respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation page 5 [P648]
11.1	Add 'and the update of the Sefton Coast Management Plan' to the end of the paragraph.	To update the plan
11.2	Amend the first bullet point of paragraph 11.2 to read 'Natural habitats, designated nature sites and the ecological network, notably the Sefton Coast'	For consistency with the change to policy NH1.
11.4	Replace 'policy' with 'policies'	To provide clarity.
NH1 Part 3	Replace the 1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph of part 3 of the policy with 'Development should seek to protect and manage Sefton's natural assets (including natural habitats, sites and ecological network and green infrastructure). Where possible, development should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain, restore, enhance or extend these natural assets</li> <li>• Create new habitats, open spaces of public value and green infrastructure, and</li> <li>• Secure their long-term management.'</li> </ul> Add a new 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph: 'Where it has been demonstrated that appropriate protection or retention of natural assets cannot be achieved, and there are no alternatives, mitigation and/or, as a last resort, compensatory provision will be required.'	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
NH1 Part 4	This paragraph should be renumbered as part 5. Amend the first sentence to read 'Proposals affecting Sefton's heritage assets and their settings should ensure that features which contribute to their significance are protected from losses and harmful changes.'	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s comments [P.648]

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	In the last bullet point, replace ‘recording, analysis and reporting must be undertaken’ with ‘a thorough analysis and recording of the asset must be undertaken.’	
<b>NH1 Part 4</b>	<p>Add a new paragraph after the revised wording: ‘The main priorities in Sefton are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle heritage at risk</li> <li>• Protect and enhance Southport’s Central Area and Seafront</li> <li>• Refurbish the historic parks and gardens, and</li> <li>• Maximise the potential of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.’</li> </ul>	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)’s representation page 5 [P648]
<b>11.5A - D</b>	<p>Add 4 new paragraphs after paragraph 11.5:</p> <p>‘11.5A Sefton’s natural assets include the designated nature and geological sites and Priority Habitats which comprise the Core Biodiversity Area that underpin the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Ecological Network. Paragraph 9 of the Framework recognises that pursuing sustainable development includes moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature, in line with wider Government policy set out in ‘Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services’ (2011). Other national policy for nature conservation is set out in paragraphs 109 to 119 of the Framework. This complements legal duties and requirements for nature conservation set out in a range of legislation including the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and the Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended).</p> <p>11.5B The internationally important nature sites are the most important features of the City Region’s outstanding natural environment and network of green infrastructure as set out in the LCR Ecological Network. In line with the hierarchical approach, these sites have rigorous policy and legal protection and should only be developed where there are no alternative solutions, there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest and where there has been appropriate mitigation and / or compensatory provision.</p> <p>11.5C The key priorities for nature and geology in the City Region are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To manage our natural assets better – to protect the integrity of nature sites of international importance in the City Region, and to protect the City Region’s nature and geodiversity assets; and</li> <li>• To make sure there is no net loss of these natural assets and to extend and enhance the City Region’s Ecological Network and natural assets.</li> </ul> <p>11.5D The LCR Ecological Network draws together the evidence (for example, nature site designations and Priority Habitats) and indicates strategic priorities and opportunities in Sefton and across the City Region. Many natural assets occur at a landscape-scale and cross local</p>	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.

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	authority boundaries. Neighbouring areas of Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Cheshire are currently preparing Ecological Networks, which will allow a more integrated approach between Sefton and adjacent local authorities.'	
11.6	Delete the first sentence.	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
11.7 and 11.7A	Replace the existing paragraph with: 11.7 'The local authorities in the City Region have worked together to prepare the LCR Ecological Network as joint evidence and to help plan for biodiversity at a landscape-scale. Discussions with neighbouring areas through Nature Connected, the Government-recognised Local Nature Partnership, have enabled wider connections beyond the City Region to be made. 11.7A The LCR Ecological Network includes a Core Biodiversity Area of designated nature and geological sites and Priority Habitats. It also includes linking networks and opportunities for further habitat creation and enhancement. The linking networks and opportunities for further habitat creation and enhancement are set out in sixteen Nature Improvement Focus Areas which together make up the LCR Nature Improvement Area.'	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
11.8	Replace paragraph 11.8 with 'The local authorities in the City Region continue to work together, and are committed to helping manage visitor pressure on the internationally important designated sites. This is a response to the ongoing Habitats Regulations Assessment process for their respective development plans. The opportunities identified in the LCR Nature Improvement Area provide a mechanism that helps focus and manage visitor pressure on the Sefton coast and at other internationally important nature sites within the City Region appropriately. More information about the hierarchical approach to the protection and enhancement of Sefton's designated sites, Priority Habitats, Priority Species and protected species, according to their designation and significance, is set out in Policy NH2.'	To respond to the representation from Wirral MBC's comments [P.594] and to reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
11.9	List 'Countryside Recreation Areas' as a separate bullet point and add ', including some parts of the Sefton Coast' to the end of this bullet point.	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
11.10	Amend to say that green infrastructure 'may help reduce' rather than 'reduces' air pollution	For clarity.
11.14A	Relocate paragraph 11.81 as a new paragraph 11.14A , which has been updated as follows: 'Sefton's heritage priorities are set out in part 4 of the policy. The Council is producing a Heritage	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s

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	<p>Strategy which will contain a positive and proactive strategy for Sefton in line with national guidance. It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the benefits that Sefton’s heritage brings</li> <li>• The features which contribute to Sefton towns and villages</li> <li>• An action plans for heritage which is at risk, or vulnerable of becoming so, including identifying opportunities for enhancement</li> <li>• Management proposals for these and for its many Conservation Areas which will provide more detailed guidance, and</li> <li>• Identifying opportunities for funding to help enhance heritage assets and their settings.’</li> </ul>	representation [648]
<b>11.14B</b>	Add a new paragraph ‘In addition, the Council intends to develop a ‘local list’ of heritage assets in accordance with best practice guidelines, enabling local heritage to be more readily identified and conserved when development proposals are being considered.’	
<b>NH2 Part 2</b>	<p>Add a 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Protected and Priority Species: where it is demonstrated that no significant harm will result.’</li> </ul>	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>NH2 Parts 4 and 5</b>	<p>Delete parts 4 and 5 of the policy and replace them with:</p> <p>‘4. Where it has been demonstrated that significant harm cannot be avoided, appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision may be required, to accord with the hierarchy of sites. The location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory measures will be targeted, using a sequential approach as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On site;</li> <li>• Immediate locality and / or within the Core Biodiversity Area;</li> <li>• LCR Nature Improvement Area within the Borough; and lastly</li> <li>• LCR Nature Improvement Area outside the Borough.</li> </ul> <p>5. Where significant harm resulting from development cannot be avoided, adequately mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated, then planning permission will be refused.</p> <p>6. Development proposals which affect sites of nature conservation importance, Priority Habitats, legally protected species or Priority Species must be supported by an Ecological Appraisal and include details of avoidance, mitigation and / or compensation, and management, where appropriate.</p>	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.

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	7. Plan policies apply to other sites recognised during the Plan period as being of nature conservation importance, including land provided as compensation.	
<b>11.17</b>	Replace the existing paragraph with ‘In line with paragraph 117 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the LCR Ecological Network includes a Core Biodiversity Area of designated nature and geological sites and Priority Habitats, linking networks and opportunities for further habitat creation or enhancement. Five of the 16 Nature Improvement Area Focus Areas in the LCR are located wholly or partly in Sefton. Within the Core Biodiversity Area in Sefton, there is a hierarchy of designated sites and habitats (see appendix 2):’	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>11.17 A and B</b>	Add two new paragraphs: 11.17A The Core Biodiversity Area also include Priority Habitats and Species, which are ‘habitats and species of principal importance’ for the conservation of biodiversity in England. They are identified as being the most threatened and in need of conservation action. Further guidance will be made available in the emerging Nature Conservation SPD. 11.17B The Council, together with other public bodies (such as the Environment Agency), has a duty under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) Act 2006 to conserve biodiversity when carrying out its normal functions. This ‘biodiversity duty’ includes Priority Habitats and Species. Priority Habitats sit outside the designated site hierarchy and may be of national (e.g. Ancient woodlands) or, sometimes, local importance. Legally protected species are those which have specific protection under legislation (e.g. badgers, bats). The emerging Nature Conservation SPD provides examples of priority and protected species in Sefton.	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>11.18</b>	Replace ‘designated or nature conservation sites and /or priority habitats and species’ with ‘sites of nature importance and / or Priority Habitats and Species. The details required are set out in the Nature Conservation SPD which the Council is currently preparing.’	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>11.18A - 11.18D</b>	Introduce 4 new paragraphs after paragraph 11.18: ‘11.18A Policy NH2 sets out the hierarchical approach to the protection and enhancement of Sefton’s designated nature and geodiversity sites, Priority Habitats and Species and legally protected species. It also sets out how to achieve the strategic priorities of managing the natural assets better and making sure there is no net loss of these assets. 11.18B For each level of the hierarchy, where there may be potential adverse effects for internationally important nature sites, or significant harm for other sites and Priority Habitats, the policy also sets out the relative weight which will be given to the reasons for and the benefits of	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs and the Lancashire Lancashire Wildlife Trust representation page 4 [P329].

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	<p>development and the impact on the nature conservation value of the site and its broader contribution to the LCR Ecological Network. In such cases, the policy also sets out the approach to appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision. The advice of suitably competent persons, such as ecologists, should be sought by applicants and the decision maker in relation to this policy.</p> <p>11.18C Policy NH2 also sets out the stringent requirements for development which affect internationally important nature sites. It is expected that very few development schemes would meet these requirements.</p> <p>11.18D Some habitats, such as ancient woodland and veteran trees, are irreplaceable because of their age and complexity and cannot be recreated once they are lost.'</p>	
<b>11.21</b>	Add 'bats' to the list of priority species found in Sefton.	For clarity.
<b>11.22A</b>	Add a new paragraph: 'In addition to these provisions planning proposals should take into consideration potential impacts arising from other sources of pollution, increased human disturbance or hydrological changes.'	For clarity.
<b>11.26A – 11.26C</b>	<p>Replace paragraph 11.26 with the following:</p> <p>'11.26A Section 3 of the policy sets out the approach to mitigation, and as a last resort, compensation. Here, compensation means compensatory provision, and may include financial compensation, where appropriate. It is crucial to the priority of no net loss that appropriate mitigation or, as a last resort, compensatory provision is made.</p> <p>11.26B It is important that the location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision follows the sequential approach set out in the policy. The aim is for it to be as close as possible to the development site. In some instances the immediate locality of the site may include nearby sites in West Lancashire or another district.</p> <p>11.26C Some proposed development sites have been identified as supporting species listed as being important in the designations of the internationally important sites. More information about how compensatory habitat provision and management could be provided is set out in the Nature SPD. In Sefton they include feeding areas for Pink-footed goose, swans and a range of wading birds, taking into account this sequential approach.'</p>	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>11.27</b>	Add 'Nature Conservation' before SPD (line 7)	For clarity.
<b>11.28</b>	Delete all but the first sentence. Much of the rest of the paragraph is repeated text.	For clarity.
<b>11.28A – 11.28B</b>	Add two new paragraphs after the heading 'Enhancement':	To reflect the model policies

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	<p>‘11.28A The sequential approach for the location of appropriate mitigation, replacement or other compensatory provision should also be followed for other enhancements.</p> <p>11.28B Policy NH3 ‘Development in LCR Nature Improvement Areas’ below, provides more information about the LCR Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and NIA Focus Areas.’</p>	agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>11.30 – 11.31</b>	<p>Delete the existing paragraphs and replace them with 3 new paragraphs:</p> <p>‘11.31A The Council will encourage opportunities for habitat enhancement as part of development proposals within the Nature Improvement Areas. These opportunities may be linked to, but should be additional to or include biodiversity provision, within wider green infrastructure provision or to the provision of water quality measures or sustainable drainage systems. These opportunities range, for example, from larger scale habitat creation within larger sites (such as wetland habitat linked to surface water management (SuDS) or flood risk storage areas) to smaller scale habitat creation on smaller sites (such as ‘bat boxes’ and/ or bulb planting).</p> <p>11.31B Sefton Council owns or manages a number of sites. Other key partners who own or manage nature sites in Sefton include the Environment Agency, Mersey Forest and National Trust. Other landowners and farmers also play a local role in managing land which includes important habitats, principally for a range of farmland birds and overwintering birds, such as Lapwing, Curlew and Pink-footed goose and animals, such as bats, Water vole, Brown Hare and Otter, amphibians and reptiles.</p> <p>11.31C Additionally, there will be opportunities for the Council, together with its partners, to enhance Sefton’s natural assets, and with it, the green infrastructure network. The Council will also encourage other opportunities arising from development to enhance appropriate areas focusing on the LCR Nature Improvement Area (NIA) which is part of LCR Ecological Network. This could be through changes to land management practices as well as habitat creation at a larger scale. It is anticipated that funding would come from a variety of sources.’</p>	To reflect the model policies agreed by the Merseyside LPAs.
<b>Policy NH3</b>	<p>Replace paragraph with: Development within the Nature Improvement Area will be permitted where it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables the functioning of the Nature Improvement Area;</li> <li>• Contributes to the opportunities for habitat creation and / or habitat management as set out in the NIA Focus Area profiles; and</li> <li>• Is consistent with other policies in the Plan.</li> </ul>	To reflect newly defined LCR Nature Improvement Areas



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11.32	Replace 'proposed' with 'emerging' in line 1.	To update the situation and provide clarity.
11.33	Delete this paragraph and insert 4 new paragraphs: '11.34A The LCR Nature Improvement Area (NIA), in line with paragraph 117 of the National Planning Policy Framework, is an integrated and prioritised framework for targeting opportunities for habitat creation and enhancement in the area where the greatest gains are likely to be achieved. This may include biodiversity offsetting, mitigation, compensation or changes in land management. Thus the LCR NIA offers solutions which enables sustainable growth and housing needs to be met without compromising Sefton's or the City Region's natural assets. 11.34B Nature Improvement Areas have been proposed by Government as the principal mechanism for restoring and managing wildlife. They are intended to achieve significant enhancements to ecological networks by providing opportunities to improve existing wildlife sites, build ecological connections and restoring ecological processes. Given that they operate at a landscape-scale, these areas should connect with their local economies and communities. 11.34C There are 17 NIA Focus Areas across the City Region, 5 of which are in Sefton [see appendix 2 and the emerging Nature SPD]. When taken together they combine to form the LCR NIA. 11.35D Each NIA Focus Area has been mapped and is also supported by a detailed profile which can be used to guide use of the development management policies as well as the activities of other landowners, managers and other interests. Both the NIA Focus Area maps and profiles will be included within the Ecological Network evidence base.'	To update to the plan
11.45	Amend the first sentence from 'part of the National Trust site at Formby' to 'a substantial part of the National Trust site at Formby'.	To respond to the National Trust representation page 2 [P663]
11.46	Amend third sentence to 'Sefton's Countryside Recreation Areas offer important opportunities for informal recreation in a countryside, coastal or woodland setting'.	To provide clarity
11.47	Add to the end of the last sentence ', and are also key components of Sefton's green infrastructure.'	To provide clarity, and consistency with changes to paragraph 11.9
11.49	Delete the last sentence and amend the penultimate sentence to read: 'Such sites of 0.2 hectares or more in the urban area are shown on the Policy Map.'	To provide clarity and consistency with policy EQ9

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11.50	Amend the first bullet point to read: 'Main parks, neighbourhood parks, and community parks (including formal play areas, public nature sites in the urban area and larger, public amenity green spaces)' Delete the third, fifth and sixth bullet points. Amend the last bullet point to add 'Bootle and Netherton'. Delete the last sentence.	To provide clarity.
11.50A	Add a new paragraph: '11.50A Public open space in the Green Belt includes the canal and its towpaths, parks or outdoor sports sites, notably Fleetwood Road playground, Birkdale Common, Birkdale Cemetery and Liverpool Road Recreation Ground, Ainsdale, in Southport; Balls Wood Park, Leatherbarrow Lane, in Maghull; St Catherine's Abbey, Lydiate; and The Delph, Melling.	To provide clarity
11.51	Amend the last sentence to read 'The areas of the Green Belt which are particularly important for informal recreation are identified as Countryside Recreation Areas on the Policy Map (including parts of the Sefton Coast). They are also accessible nature spaces'.	To provide clarity.
11.52	Add a reference to 'Blundellsands Key Park and allotments' to the first sentence. Add 'or other' before 'club sites' at the end of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Add the following to the end of the paragraph: 'Other outdoor sports and recreation sites available to the public which are in the Green Belt and so not shown on the Policy Map include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blundell Lane and Birkdale allotments, Southport; Hoggs Hill Lane allotments in Formby; Queensway allotments, Crosby; and Beach Road allotments in Bootle,</li> <li>• Three outdoor sports sites on Sandy Lane, Hightown; the Northern Club, Chaffers Fields and Brook Vale playing fields in Crosby; and the Buckley Hill playing fields in Bootle, and</li> <li>• The Sefton Arms bowling green, Sefton Village.</li> </ul> The Moss Lane allotments, located close to Southport's eastern boundary, are also part of Sefton's leisure provision, but as they are in West Lancashire this Local Plan does not apply to them.'	To provide clarity.
11.53	Amend the first part of the first sentence to read: 'While churchyards, to which the public has access for walking,'	To provide clarity.
11.54	After 'this policy' add ', until they are superseded by updated studies or strategies'. Delete 'while' so that 'Policy EQ9' begins a new sentence. Delete last sentence.	To provide clarity.

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11.56	Add a new penultimate sentence to say 'Hesketh Golf Course is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Local Wildlife Site and Local Geological Site.'	To provide clarity.
11.61	Delete the reference to the Rimrose Valley (line 5).	To provide clarity.
Policy NH8 [part 1]	Replace the 2nd sentence with: 'Mineral Safeguarding Areas have been defined for deposits of sub-alluvial sand and windblown silica sand. Within Mineral Safeguarding Areas mineral resources present on development sites will be expected to be extracted for beneficial use prior to development proceeding, unless special circumstances can be demonstrated that justify proceeding without prior extraction.'	To respond to comments by the Minerals Product Association [719]
Policy NH8 [part 2]	Replace part two of the policy with: 'Existing, planned and potential infrastructure supporting the aggregates industry will be safeguarded from inappropriate development. This includes the Port of Liverpool, strategic rail freight links, and sites for concrete batching, the manufacture of coated materials, other concrete products and the handling, processing and distribution of substitute, recycled and secondary aggregate material. Proposals for non-mineral related development that may threaten the functioning of safeguarded infrastructure or locations will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site or infrastructure is of no commercial interest, and is unlikely to be so in the future; or</li> <li>• There is an overriding case for development taking place and equivalent alternative infrastructure capacity exists which is able to meet continuing commercial needs.'</li> </ul>	To respond to comments by the Minerals Product Association [719]
Paragraph 11.63	Replace paragraph 11.63 with: 'Sefton Council participates actively in the NW Aggregates Working Party and subscribes to the national Managed Aggregate Supply System through market monitoring and production of an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. Whilst Sefton has defined Mineral Safeguarding Areas [MSAs], identified on the Policy Map, relating to identified sand resources, these are understood to be of limited scale and scope and not currently commercially viable or likely to become so in the future. However, the policy seeks to avoid sterilisation of aggregate resources through non-mineral development and to encourage mineral resources present on development sites to be extracted where it is sensible to do so. Safeguarding principles will also be applied to port, transport and other infrastructure important to the aggregate minerals market. The Port of Liverpool and Sefton's transport infrastructure facilitates the landing and transshipment of minerals, including aggregates from marine and onshore sources. Policy NH8 provides for these facilities to be safeguarded in the interests of facilitating the continuing supply	To respond to comments by the Minerals Product Association [719]

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	of minerals.'	
<b>Paragraph 11.65</b>	Add the following to the end of the paragraph: 'Proposals for major development within MSAs will be expected to provide for the extraction of mineral reserves present unless special circumstances can be demonstrated why it is not feasible to do so. The designation of MSAs does not indicate a presumption that resources defined in the MSAs will be worked.'	To respond to comments by the Minerals Product Association [719]
<b>11.77</b>	Add a new 3rd sentence: 'The starting point is the conservation and enhancement of the asset and its setting.' Add to the end of the current 3rd sentence: 'taking into account the requirements of the NPPF and the 1990 Act have been taken into account.'	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation page 6 [P648]
<b>11.78</b>	The paragraph should be replaced with the following: 'Development offers the opportunity to conserve and enhance the public appreciation and enjoyment of Sefton's environment. Where proposals affect a heritage asset and its setting which has been harmed by inappropriate development, opportunities should be taken to better reveal the significance of the asset, for example to make repairs, reinstate missing architectural features, undo previous inappropriate changes and secure the long term maintenance of the site's features.'	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation pages 6-7 [P648] N.B. The comments are addressed to paragraph 11.77.
<b>11.79</b>	Amend the paragraph to read: 'Development proposals affecting a heritage asset will ideally be in support of its 'optimum viable use.' This is the use which is viable, and where the changes entail the least harm to the significance of the heritage asset and its setting. The 'optimum viable use' is not necessarily the most profitable one. The most profitable use may be less than optimum in terms of its impact on the significance of the heritage asset.'	English Heritage (now Historic England) representation page 7 [P648]
<b>11.80</b>	The paragraph should be amended to focus more on the significance of an asset and its setting	English Heritage (now Historic England) representation page 8 [P648]

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11.81	Delete the paragraph – it has been updated and now appears as paragraph 11.14A.	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation [P648]
11.82	Delete 'generally' and 'and non-designated assets' from the first sentence as policy only relates to designated assets	English Heritage (now Historic England) representation page 8 [P648]
<b>Policy NH10</b>	Amend the policy to ensure that it safeguards and enhances the setting of heritage assets in line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework as follows: The existing policy becomes part 1, and in (c) replace 'in' with 'affecting'. Introduce a new part 2 to the policy '2. Opportunities should be taken to enhance the significance of a listed building or its setting.'	To respond to the English Heritage (now Historic England) representation page 9 [P648]
11.87	Pluralise 'it is' and 'varies' in final sentence	To correct a grammatical error
<b>Policy NH12 part 1</b>	Amend part 1 of the policy to state: 'Development within a Registered Historic Park or Garden or affecting its setting will only be permitted where the development relates well to the elements which contribute to the historic park or garden, and is of high quality design, which conserves and enhances the special interest and function of the site.'	To respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation page 10 [P648]
11.103	Replace the second sentence with: 'There are also three moated sites, a domestic chapel and associated burial ground.'	For clarity
11.107	Remove and reword it the last sentence and insert it as new paragraph 11.14b.	To give more prominence to this action and to respond to English Heritage (now Historic England)'s representation [P648].
12.1	Add to the end of paragraph 12.1 'The Council will use planning conditions and Section 106 and other legal agreements to ensure that the requirements of the polices in the Local Plan are implemented.'	To respond to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's representation page 5 [P329]
<b>Policy PIM1 policy links</b>	Correct the reference to policy NH1 Environmental Assets	For consistence and to provide clarity.
<b>Glossary</b>	Define 'Decentralised energy' as 'Energy from a local network or source other than the National Grid. This is usually local renewable energy or local low-carbon energy, often on a relatively small scale.'	

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Glossary	Define 'Net developable area' as 'The area available for residential or employment generating uses excluding major distributor roads, primary schools, key areas of open space serving a wide area and significant buffer strips.'	To provide clarity as this phrase is used in policies MN2 and HC3
Glossary	Define 'The Statement of Community Involvement' as 'A document which the Council produces which sets out how the Council will engage with partners, stakeholders and the local community during the preparation of Development Plan Documents and other policy guidance.'	
Glossary	Delete the reference to Lifetime Homes Standard	This standard is no longer extant.
Glossary	Add a definition of 'main town centre uses' as 'Retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, entertainment facilities the more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-through restaurants, bars and pubs, night-clubs, casinos, health and fitness centres, indoor bowling centres, and bingo halls); offices; and arts, culture and tourism development (including theatres, museums, galleries and concert halls, hotels and conference facilities).'	For clarity and to correspond with the definition in the Glossary to the NPPF
Glossary	Add a definition of 'Social infrastructure' as 'Infrastructure that provides for the health and wellbeing, social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leisure and cultural needs of the community.'	To respond to the Theatres Trust representation [P599]
Appendix 1	Change the reference to site MN2.12 'Land south of Moor Lane, Ainsdale' to MN2.11. In the 2 <sup>nd</sup> bullet point relating to site MN2.26, refer to site MN2.25, not MN2.26. Add a bullet point to the sites listed below 'Ensure a holistic approach to the preparation and implementation of a foul water drainage strategy and a sustainable surface water drainage strategy.' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MN2.4 land at Moss Lane</li> <li>• MN2.5 Land at Crowland Street, Southport</li> <li>• MN2.16 Land at Liverpool Road, Formby</li> <li>• MN2.29 Former Prison Site, Park Lane, Maghull</li> </ul> MN2.46 Land east of Maghull	To correct factual errors.  For clarity and to respond to advice received from United Utilities.
Appendix 2	Add a new second sentence to say that 'The Liverpool City Region Ecological Network provides more information about this'.  Delete 'proposed' from 'Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore Ramsar site' in the list of internationally important designated nature sites.	To provide clarity.  To correct errors and in response to the Lancashire

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	<p>In the list of Nationally important designated nature sites, replace ‘Mersey Estuary’ with ‘Mersey Narrows’ SSSI.</p> <p>In the information about Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs), add text to make clear that there are many Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) ‘where parts also have international and/or national designations’, and provide a single list of all LWSs, including additional sites .</p> <p>To include information about Priority habitats and species and protected species to say:                      ‘Priority habitats and species                      Priority habitats and species are defined nationally. There are over 1000 priority species and over 60 priority habitats. More info can be found at <a href="http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5717">http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5717</a>.                      The Ecological Network provides more info about Priority Habitats present in the Liverpool City Region.</p> <p>Protected species                      The government provides advice about protected species at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals</a>.’</p>	<p>Lancashire Wildlife Trust representation page 8 [P329]</p> <p>To provide clarity and to correct errors.</p> <p>To provide clarity.</p>
<b>Appendix 2</b>	<p>Under the List of Internationally Important Designated Nature Sites, delete ‘proposed’ in front of the Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore, and add ‘Liverpool Bay (SPA)’ as a new bullet point.</p>	<p>To correct a factual inaccuracy and to respond to Lancashire Wildlife Trust’s representation page 8 [P329] as this is a confirmed Ramsar site, and not a proposed one.</p>
<b>Appendix 2</b>	<p>In the list of Nationally Important Designated Nature Sites, replace Mersey Estuary SSSI with ‘Mersey Narrows SSSI’, and revise the name of the 4<sup>th</sup> SSSI to ‘Ribble and Alt Estuaries SSSI and National Nature Reserve (NNR)’.</p>	<p>Lancashire Wildlife Trust representation page 8 [P329]</p>
<b>Appendix 2</b>	<p>Under the heading ‘Local Wildlife Sites’:                      1. Replace the first sentence with’</p>	<p>Lancashire Wildlife Trust representation page 8 [P329]</p>

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	<p>2. Delete the sub-heading ' Where Parts (including large parts) of the LWS also have International and/or National Designations'</p> <p>3. Add the following sites to the list of LWSs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Railway Ainsdale Station to Hillside Station</li> <li>• Foreshore, Weld Road to Southport Pier</li> <li>• Queen's Jubilee Nature Trail, Southport</li> <li>• Ribble Estuary (including Marshside 1, Marshside 2 and Crossens) to Southport Pier</li> <li>• Land at Park Haven Trust, Maghull</li> <li>• Railway Coastal Road to Ainsdale Station</li> <li>• Hightown Dunes, Meadow and Saltmarsh</li> <li>• Seaforth Nature Reserve</li> <li>• Westcliffe Road, verges</li> </ul>	
<b>Appendix 3</b>	<p>Add Indicators for Policies NH9-14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of listed buildings 'at risk'</li> <li>• number of conservation areas 'at risk'</li> <li>• % of Listed Buildings s surveyed per year</li> <li>• Conservation Area Appraisals adopted</li> <li>• Conservation Area Management Plans adopted</li> </ul>	For completion of Appendix 3
<b>Appendix 3</b>	Biodiversity indicators – local sites and areas under future management	Chris Bennett
<b>Appendix 3</b>	Change indicator for Policy EQ10 to Approvals of A5 uses in designated centres; Primarily Residential Areas; Shopping Parades; within 400m of secondary school or college	To reflect change in policy approach
<b>Appendix 4</b>	<p>Update list and names of SPDs being prepared</p> <p>Combine affordable and Special Needs and Older persons housing SPD into one document</p> <p>Delete ref to Public Open Space, Landscaping and Trees SPD</p> <p>Delete ref to Food and Drink SPD and add ref to Control of Retail Uses with the Potential to Harm Health SPD</p>	



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Figure no.	Change	Reason
<b>(a) Changes to the Policy Map keys</b>		
1	Amend the Policy Map key for the Proposed Open Spaces from policy NH5 to MN2 (Southport and Formby)	To correct an error
2	Add policy ED5 Crosby Coast Park to the Policy Map key (Sefton East)	It is proposed to show this on the Policy Map
3	Add policy ED5 Aintree Racecourse to Sefton East key	It is proposed to show this on the Policy Map
4	Amend the Policy Map key in relation to policy ED8 Southport Seafront	To make the different annotations clearer.
5	Delete Broom’s Cross Road (policy IN2) from the Policy Map on the Bootle and Sefton East keys	This road has now been completed and no longer needs to be shown as a proposal.
6	Amend the wording of the notation relating to Policy NH2 from ‘Nature Sites of Local, National and International Importance’ to ‘Sites of Local, National and International Importance for Nature and Geology’	For clarity
7	All Nature Improvement Focus Areas (policy NH3) should be removed from all Policy Map keys	These were shown on the Policy Map in error.
<b>(b) Changes to the Policy Map</b>		
8	Amend the site boundary at site MN2.10 Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale	An additional area of land has been included in the site
9	Amend the boundary to site MN2.46 Land East of Maghull to remove the area required for the proposed slip road at junction 1 of the M58 from within site MN2.46.	For clarity.
10	Show the Crosby Coast Park (policy ED5) to the Bootle and Crosby Policy Map	For clarity
11	Show Aintree Racecourse (policy ED5) on the Sefton East Policy Map	For clarity
12	Show Southport Seafront (policy ED8) on the Southport Policy Map	For clarity
13	Delete Broom’s Cross Road (policy IN2) from the Bootle and Sefton East Policy Maps	The road has been completed and is no longer proposed infrastructure.
14	Amend the boundary of the Southport Marine Lake (policy NH2)	The boundary of the nature sites is incorrectly shown.
15	Amend the boundary of the Seaforth Nature Reserve (policy NH2)	The boundary of the nature sites is incorrectly shown.
16	Amend the boundary of the Switch Island nature sites	The boundary of the nature sites is incorrectly shown.

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17	Remove the Nature Improvement Areas from all Policy Maps	These are part of the evidence base and not a Local Plan designation.
18	Amend the boundary of the open space at Kings Park, Seaforth (policy NH5)	The boundary of this area has been corrected
19	Amend the boundary of the open space at Freshfield Bowling Club, Formby (policy NH5)	The boundary of this area has been corrected
20	Amend the boundary of the open space at Sphynx Tennis Club, Southport (policy NH5)	The boundary of this area has been corrected
21	Amend the boundary of the open space at Churchtown Tennis Club, Southport (policy NH5)	The boundary of this area has been corrected
22	Amend the boundary of the open space at Broad Hey open space, Netherton (policy NH5)	The boundary of this area has been corrected
23	Amend the boundary of the open space at Marsh Lane Play Area, Bootle (policy NH5)	The boundary of this area has been corrected
24	The area of open space at Peel Road Park, Bootle (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map	To clarify that the policy applies to this area of open space.
25	The area of open space at Parkdale Play Area, Bootle (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map	To clarify that the policy applies to this area of open space.
26	The area of open space at Lathom Gardens, Maghull (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map	To clarify that the policy applies to this area of open space.
27	The area of open space at Church Green Pond Site, Formby (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map	To clarify that the policy applies to this area of open space.
28	The area of open space at Brooklands Bowling Club, Crosby (policy NH5) has been added to Policy Map	To clarify that the policy applies to this area of open space.
29	The Crosby Coastal Park is proposed to be shown as a Countryside Recreation Area (policy NH5)	For clarity.
30	Add the Mineral Safeguarding Area (policy NH8) to the Policy Map	To comply with this statutory requirement.

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Post-submission changes  
to the Policy Map

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## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to highlight proposed changes to be made to the Policy Map of Sefton's Local Plan since it was submitted in August 2015. These changes have been made for a number of reasons which are set out below.

## List of changes to the Policy Map Legend

Policy/ Site	Figure	Policy Maps	Summary of change since Submission Draft
MN2	1	Formby and Southport	Proposed Open Spaces originally mislabelled as NH5 in legend
ED5	2	Bootle	Added Crosby Coastal Park for greater clarity
ED5	3	Sefton East	Added Aintree Racecourse for greater clarity
ED8	4	Southport	Map and legend amended to clearly show Southport Seafront
IN2	5	Bootle and Sefton East	Solid line as road was completed in August 2015
NH2	6	All	Altered to read ' Sites of Local, National and International Importance for Nature and Geology'
NH3	7	All	Nature Improvement Focus Areas removed. Now intend to show this in the forthcoming Nature Conservation SPD

## List of changes to the Policy Map

Policy/ Site	Figure	Location	Summary of change since Submission Draft
MN2.10	8	Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale	Boundary amended to incorporate buildings within site
MN2.46	9	Land East of Maghull	Boundary amended to remove land required for M58 slip road
ED5	10	Crosby Coastal Park	New boundary to indicate area covered by policy ED5 for greater clarity
ED5	11	Aintree Racecourse	New boundary to indicate area covered by policy ED5 for greater clarity
ED8	12	Southport Seafront	Map amended to become clearer against other overlapping policies
IN2	13	Broom's Cross Road	Solid line as road was completed in August 2015
NH2	14	Southport Marine Lake	Boundary of nature sites of local,

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			national and international designations corrected
<b>NH2</b>	<b>15</b>	Seaforth Nature Reserve	Boundary of nature sites of local, national and international designations corrected
<b>NH2</b>	<b>16</b>	Switch Island	Boundary of nature sites of local, national and international designations corrected
<b>NH3</b>	<b>17</b>	Whole Borough	Nature Improvement Focus Areas removed. Now intend to show this in the forthcoming Nature Conservation SPD
<b>NH5</b>	<b>18</b>	Kings Park, Seaforth	Open Space in the urban area boundary corrected.
<b>NH5</b>	<b>19</b>	Freshfield Bowling Club, Formby	Open Space in the urban area boundary corrected.
<b>NH5</b>	<b>20</b>	Sphynx Tennis Club, Southport	Open Space in the urban area boundary corrected.
<b>NH5</b>	<b>21</b>	Churchtown Tennis Club, Southport	Open Space in the urban area boundary corrected.
<b>NH5</b>	<b>22</b>	Broad Hey open space, Netherton	Open Space in the urban area boundary corrected.
<b>NH5</b>	<b>23</b>	Marsh Lane Play Area, Bootle	Open Space in the urban area boundary corrected.
<b>NH5</b>	<b>24</b>	Peel Road Park, Bootle	Designated as Open Space
<b>NH5</b>	<b>25</b>	Parkdale Play Area, Bootle	Designated as Open Space
<b>NH5</b>	<b>26</b>	Lathom Gardens, Maghull	Designated as Open Space
<b>NH5</b>	<b>27</b>	Church Green Pond Site, Formby	Designated as Open Space
<b>NH5</b>	<b>28</b>	Brooklands Bowling Club, Crosby	Designated as Open Space
<b>NH5</b>	<b>29</b>	Whole Borough	Part of coastal area now shown as Countryside Recreation Area
<b>NH8</b>	<b>30</b>	Whole Borough	Mineral Safeguarding Area

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Figure 1

Change of Policy number from NH5 to MN2 (Formby Legend as example)

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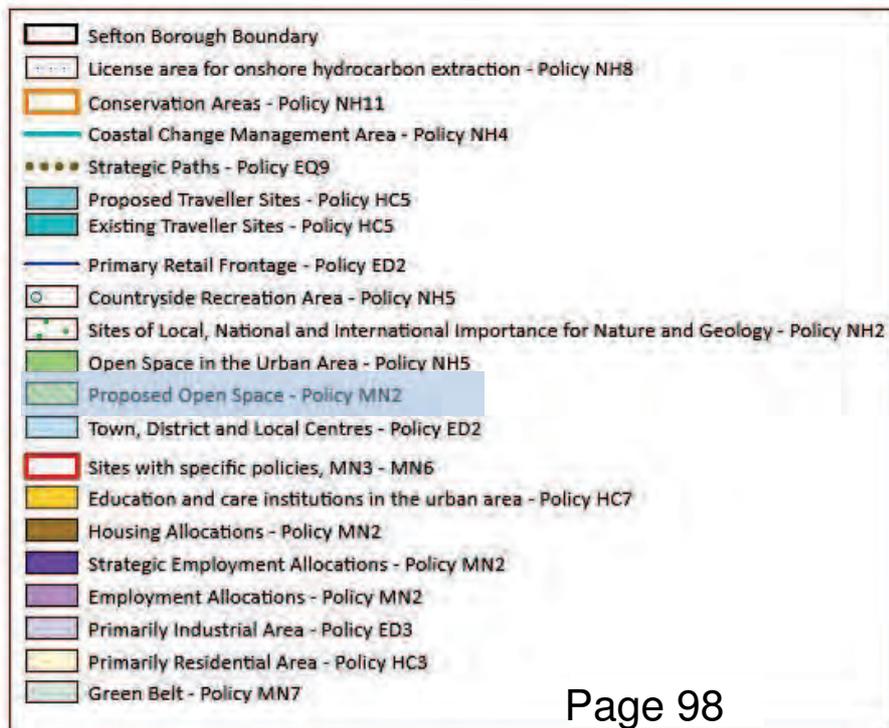


Figure 2

Amended to include ED5 Crosby Coastal Park on Bootle Policy Map and Legend

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Figure 3

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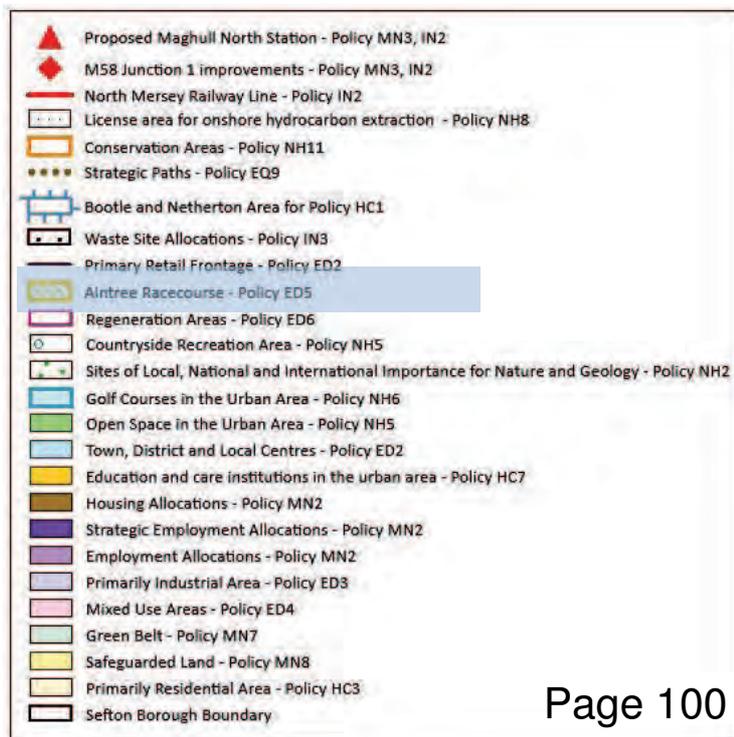


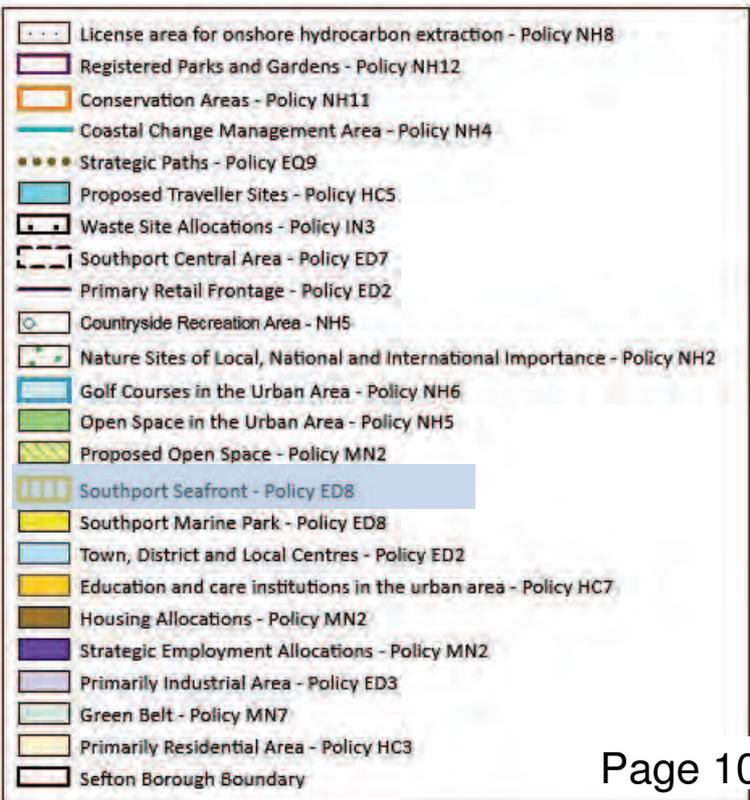
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Southport Seafront amended to be clearer on Southport Policy Map and Legend

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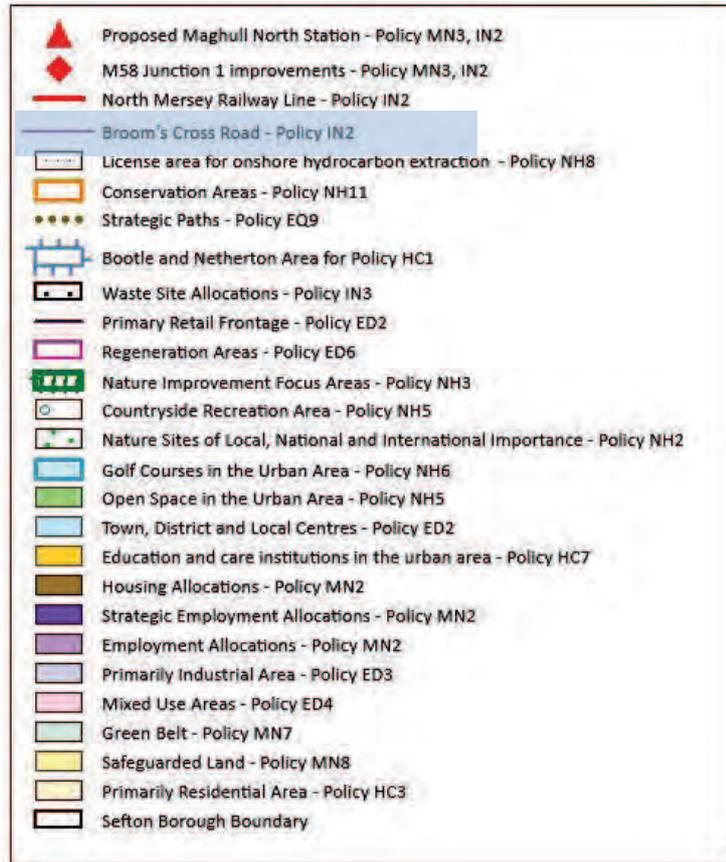


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Figure 5

Removed to reflect completion of Broom's Cross Road A5758 on Sefton East Policy Map and Legend

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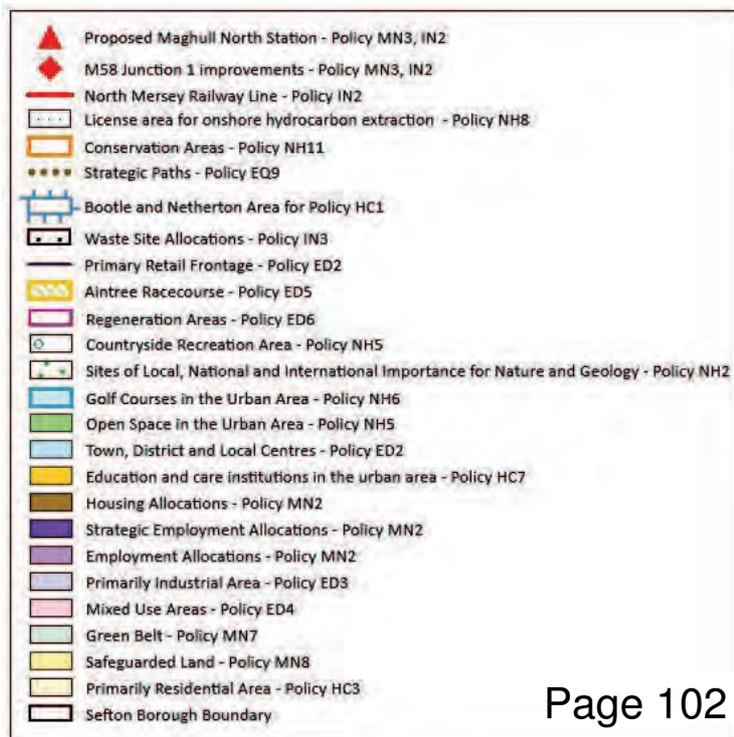
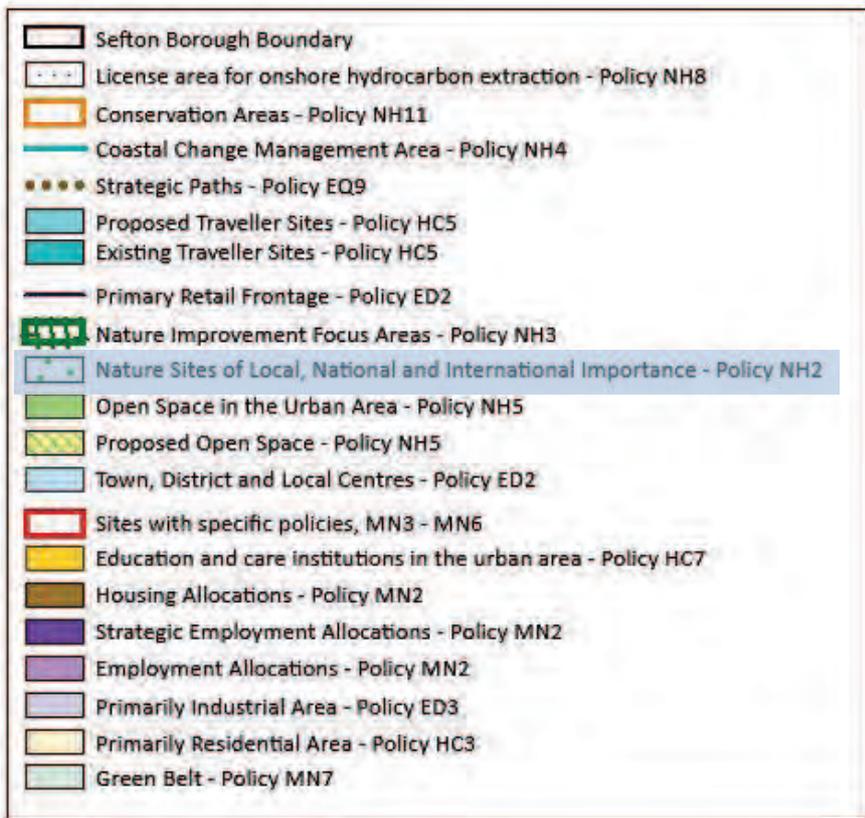


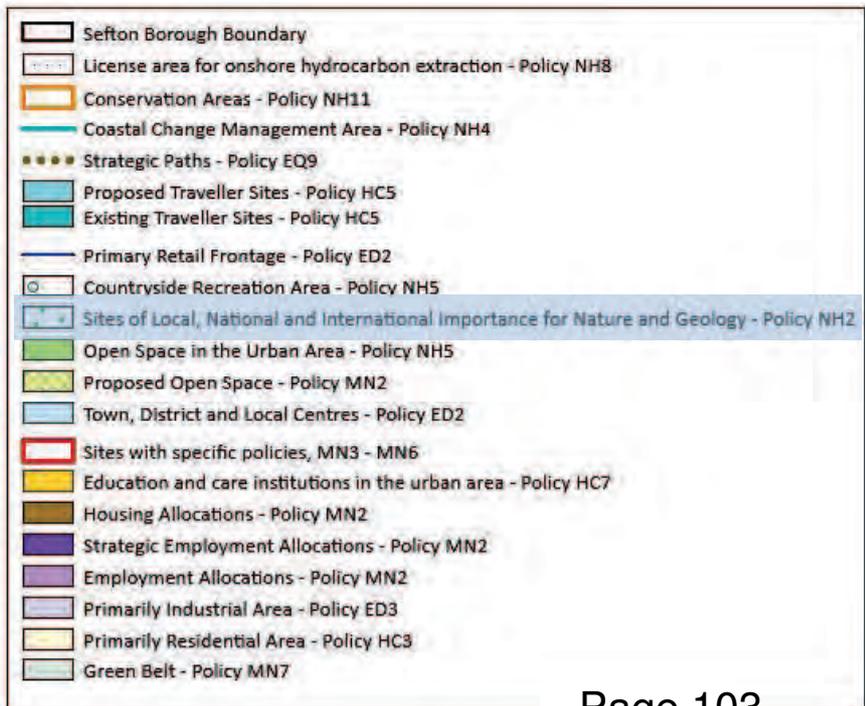
Figure 6

Change of wording from Nature Sites of Local, National and International Importance to Sites of Local, National and International Importance for Nature and Geology (Formby Legend as example)

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Figure 7

Removal of Nature Improvement Area from Policy Map and Legend (Southport Legend as example)

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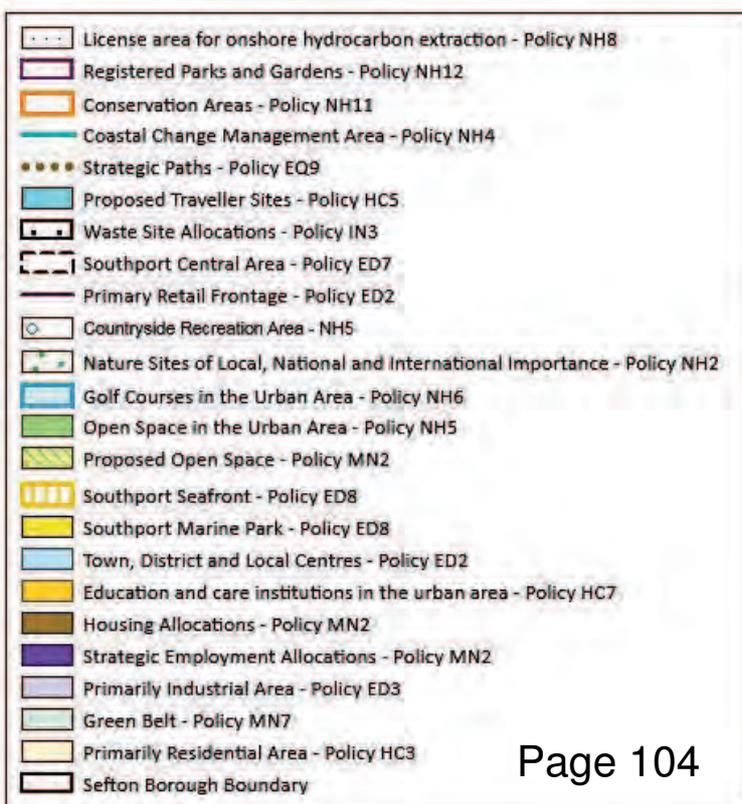
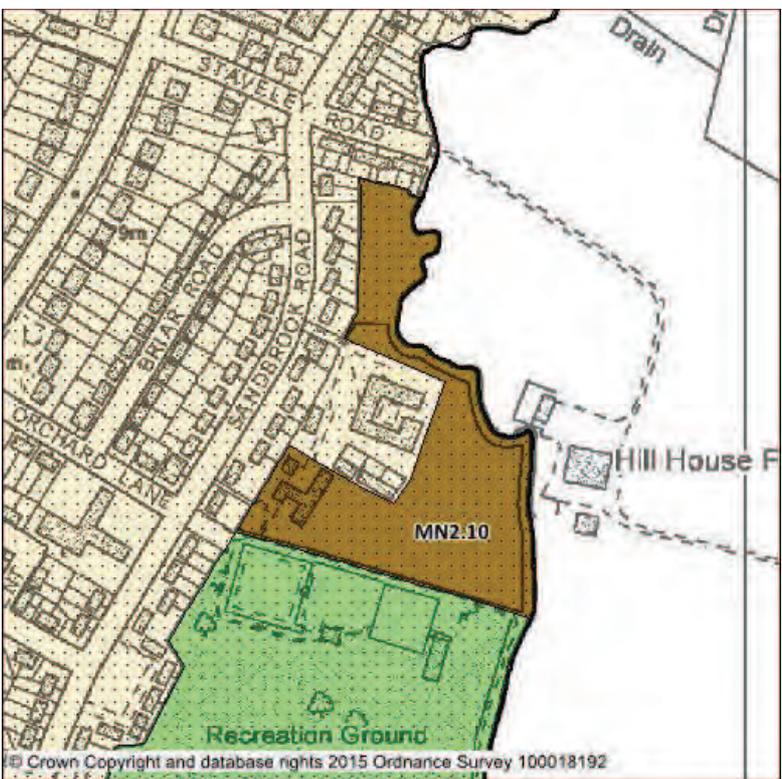


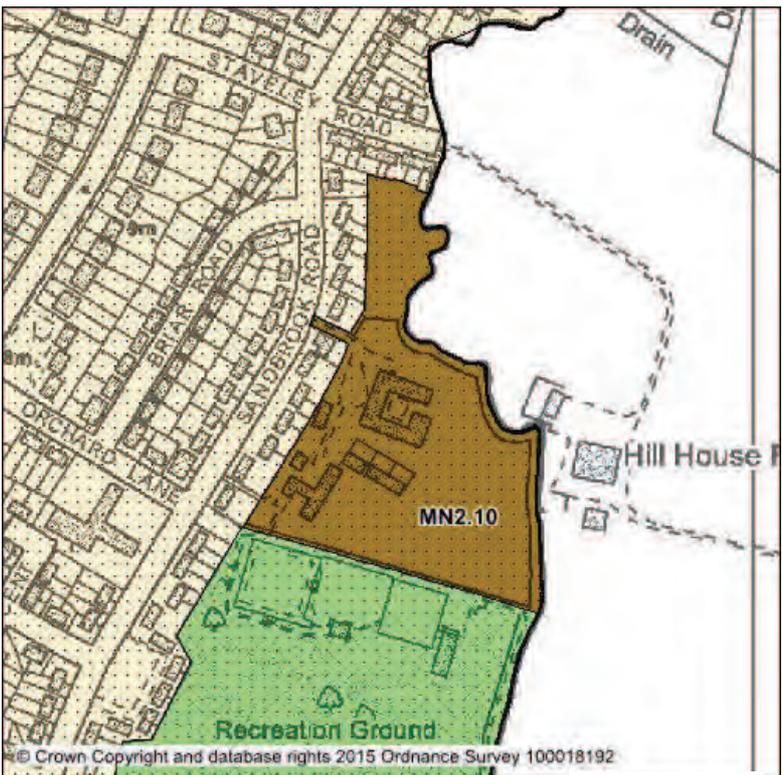
Figure 8

MN2.10 Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale. Amended to reflect increase in site area

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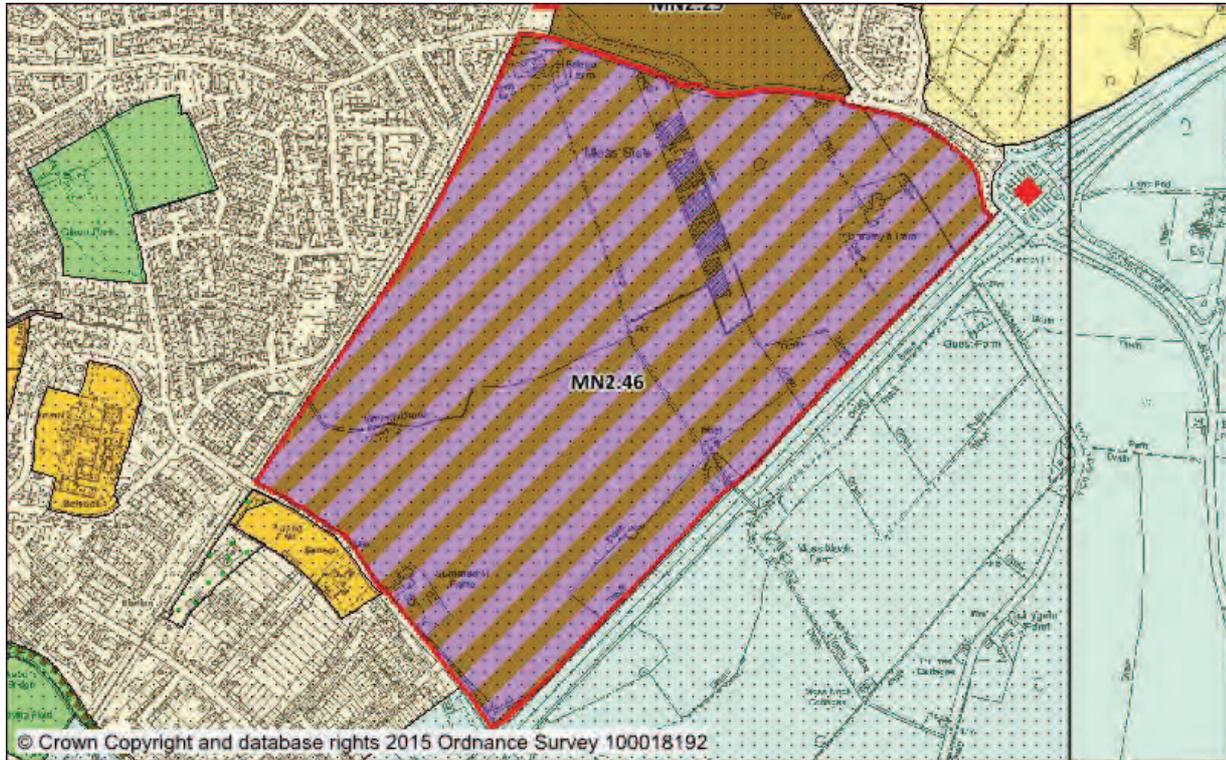


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Figure 9

MN2.46 Land East of Maghull. Amended to reflect decrease in site area to accommodate slip road

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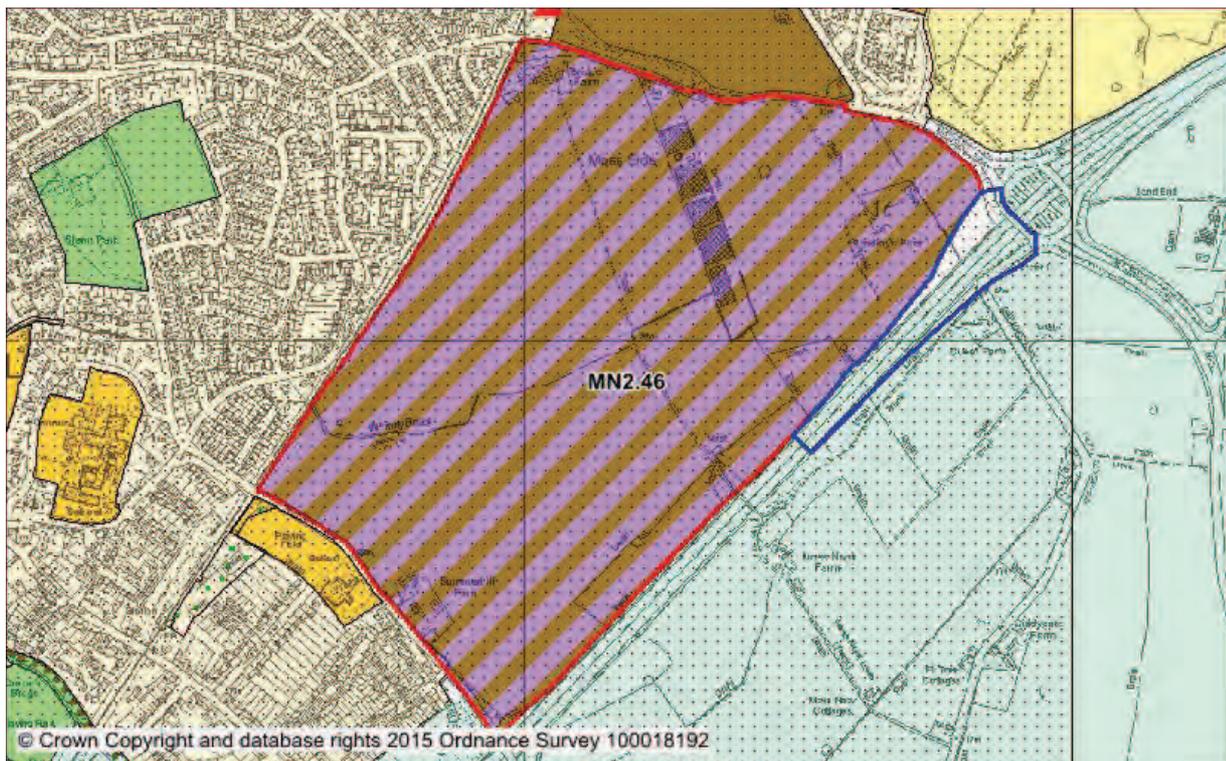
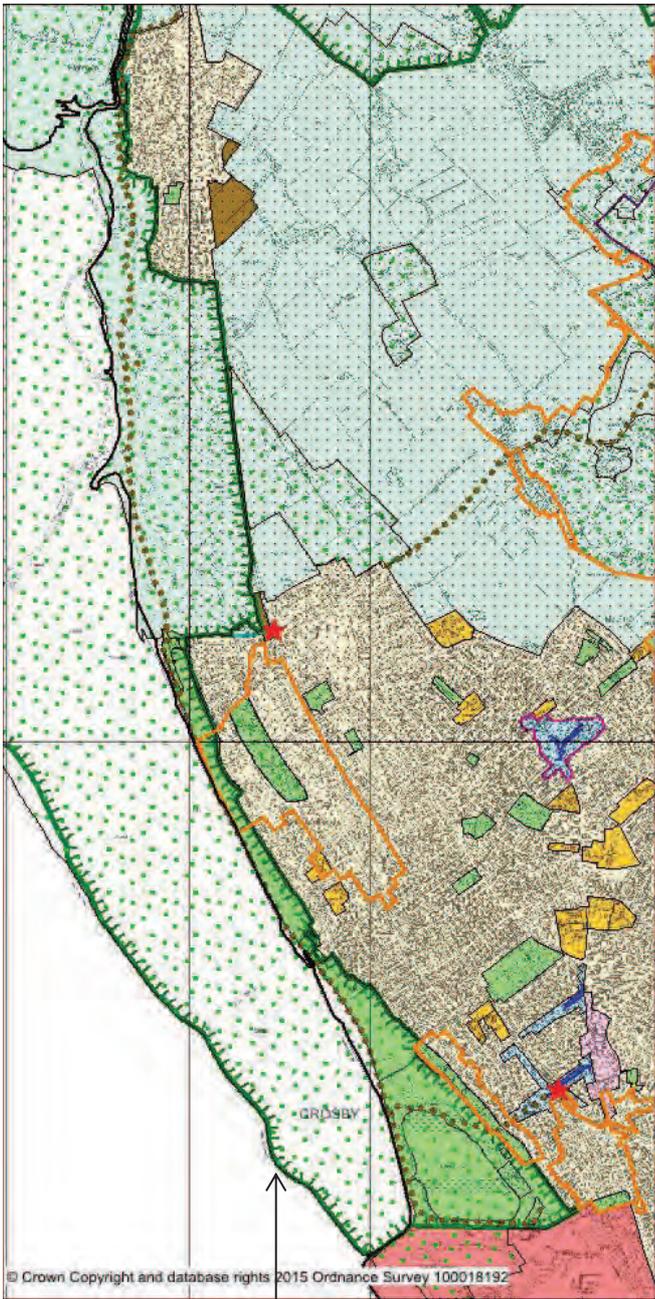


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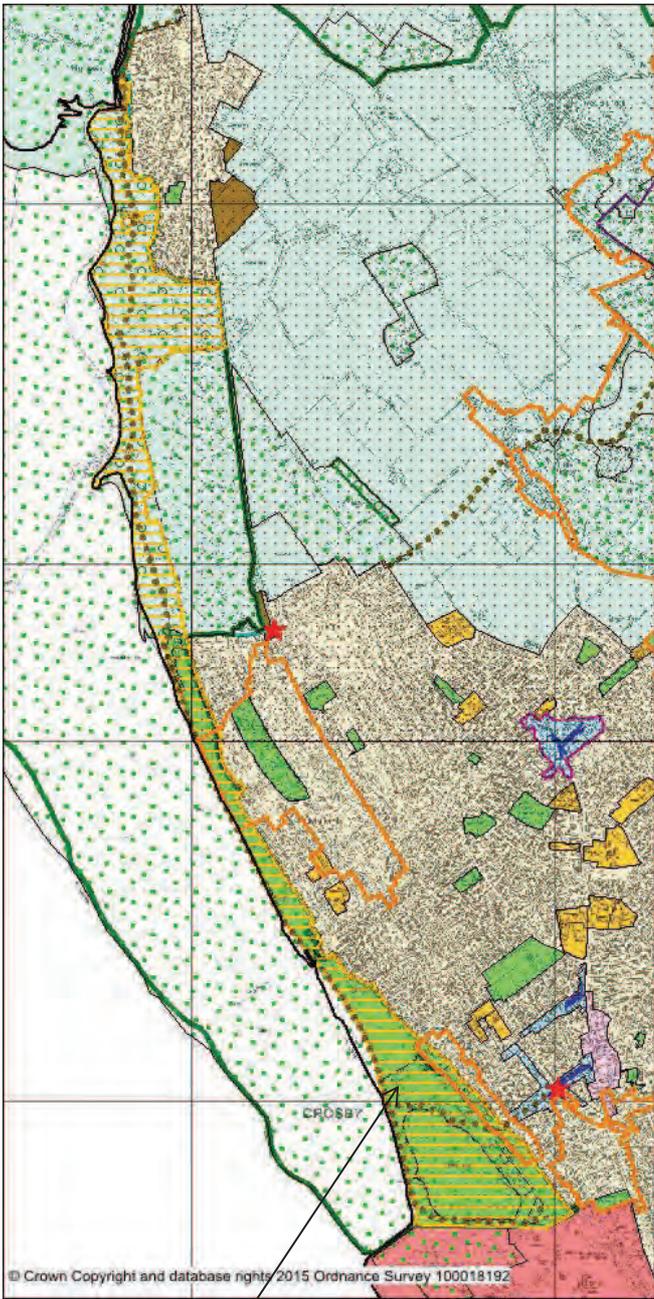
Amended to include ED5 Crosby Coastal Park on Bootle Policy Map and Legend (yellow hatched area along the coast)

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Policy NH3 - Nature Improvement Focus Area designation removed from Policy Maps



Policy ED3 - Crosby Coastal Park area added to Policy Maps

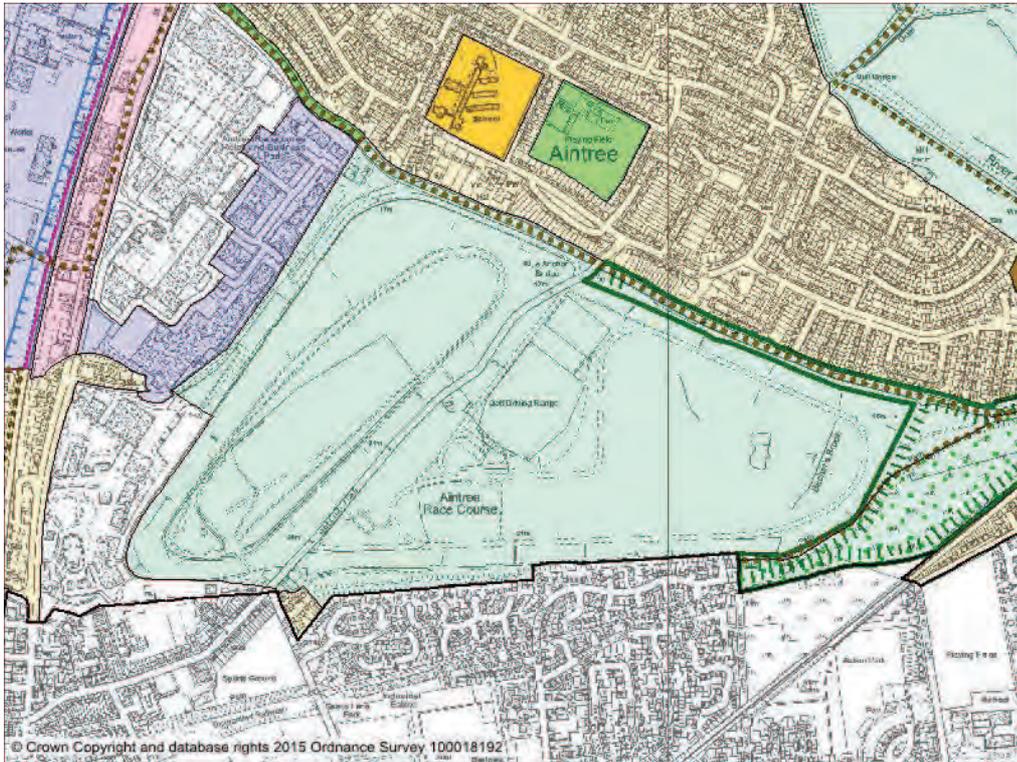


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Figure 11

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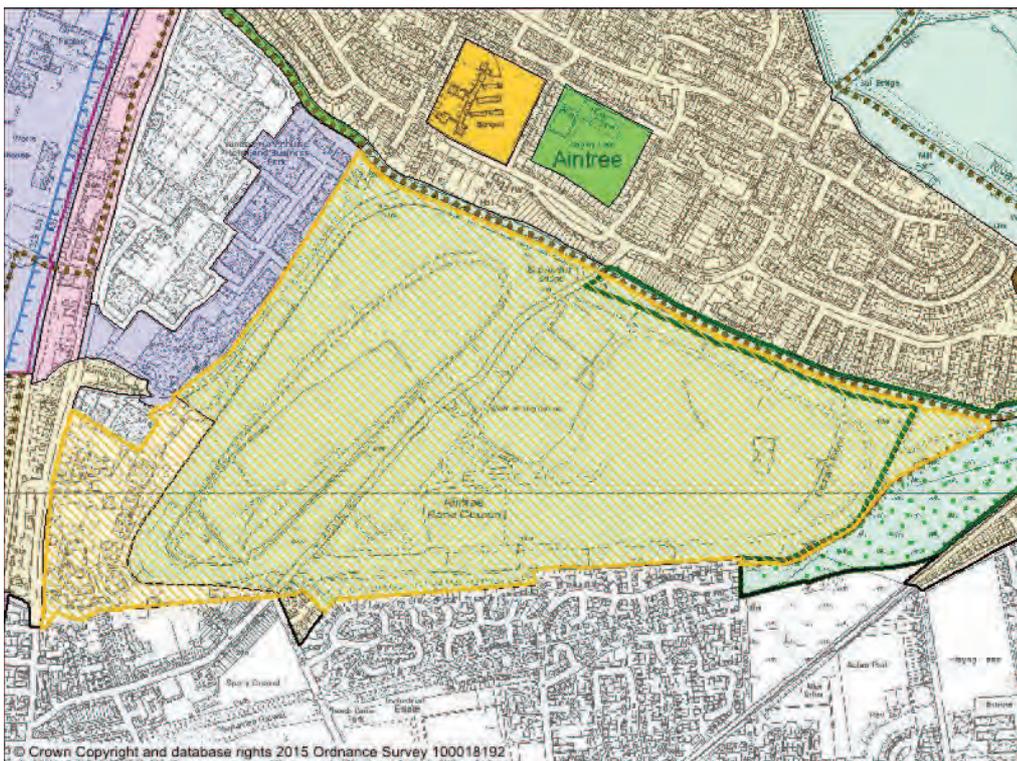
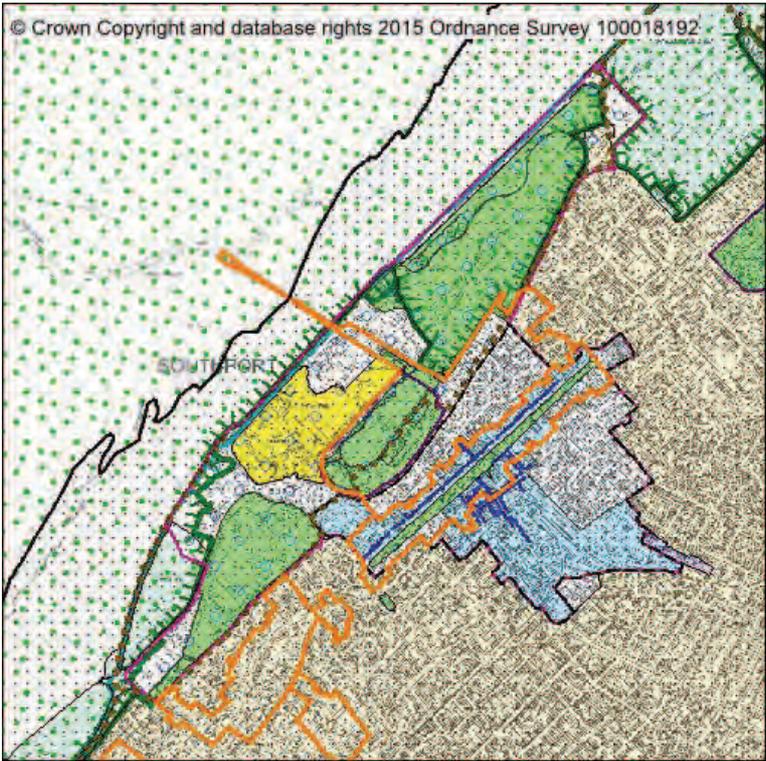


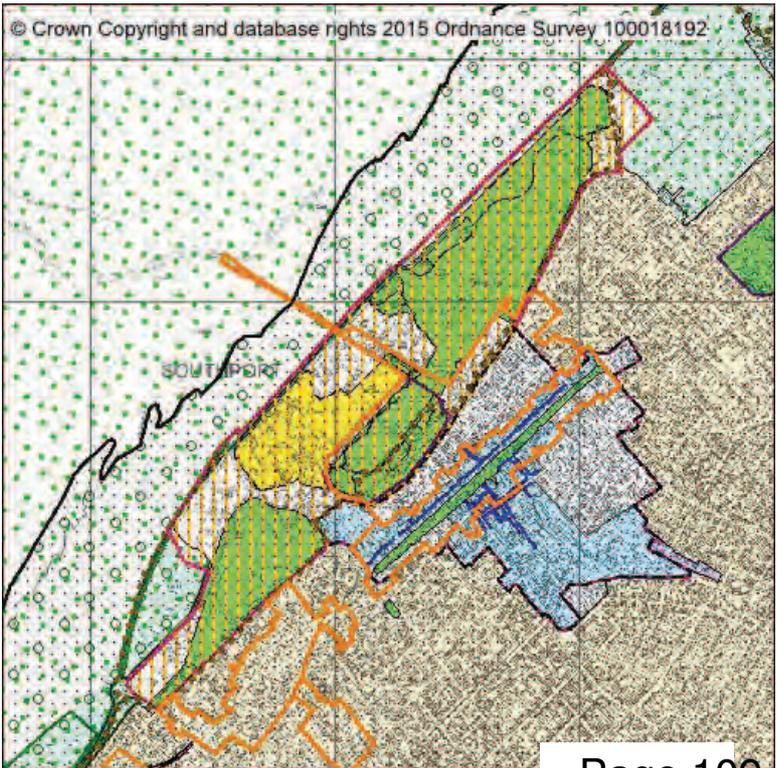
Figure 12

Amended Southport Policy Map to show clearer ED8 Southport Seafront (altered from black circles to orange vertical hatch effect)

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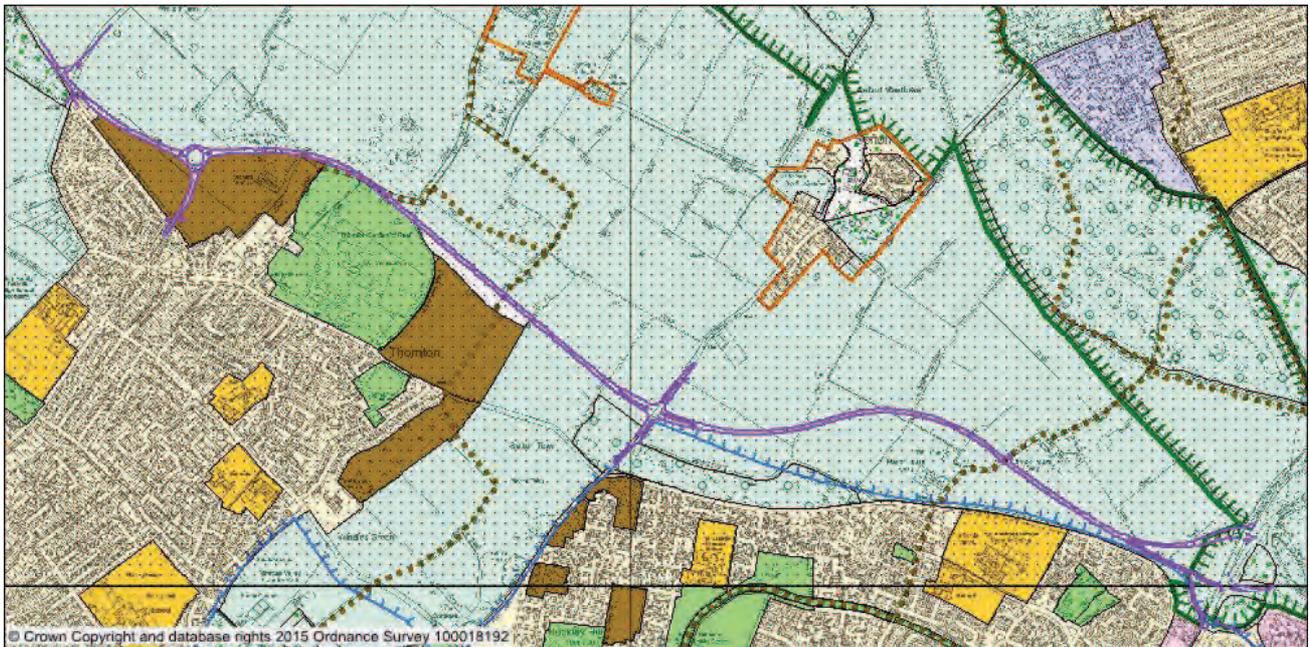


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Figure 13

Amended Sefton East and Bootle Policy Maps amended to reflect completion of Broom's Cross Road A5758 (changed from purple line representing Policy IN2 to black line as with other existing roads)

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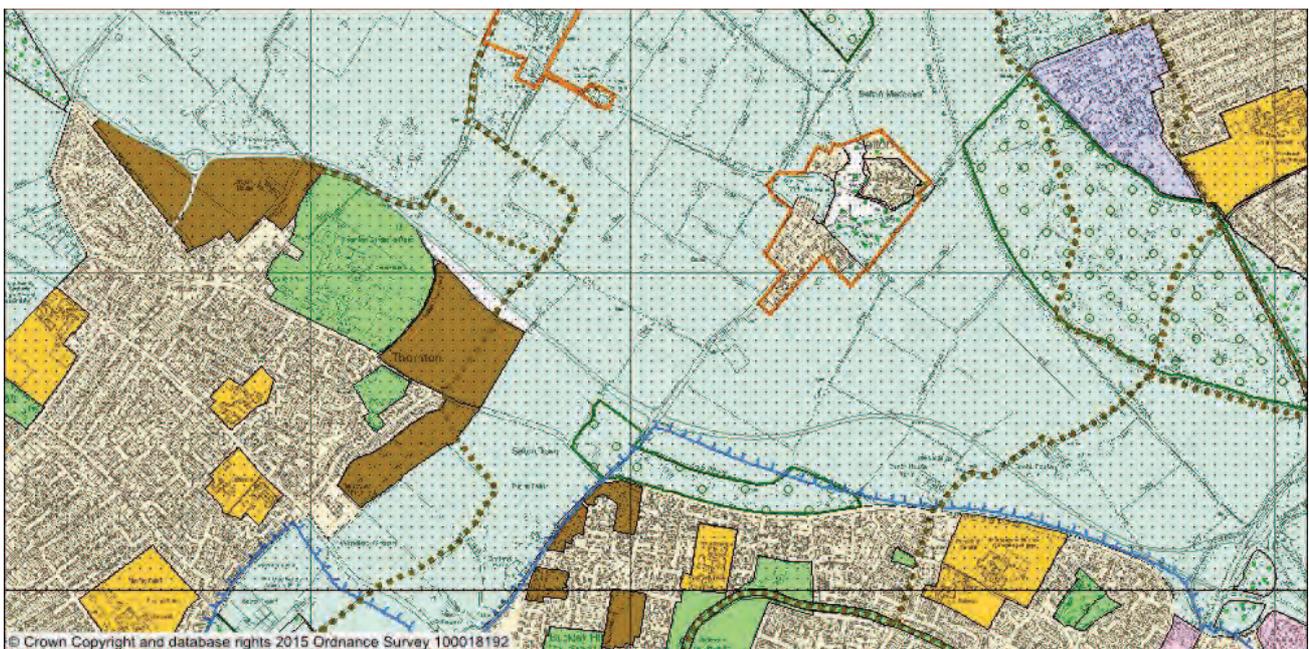
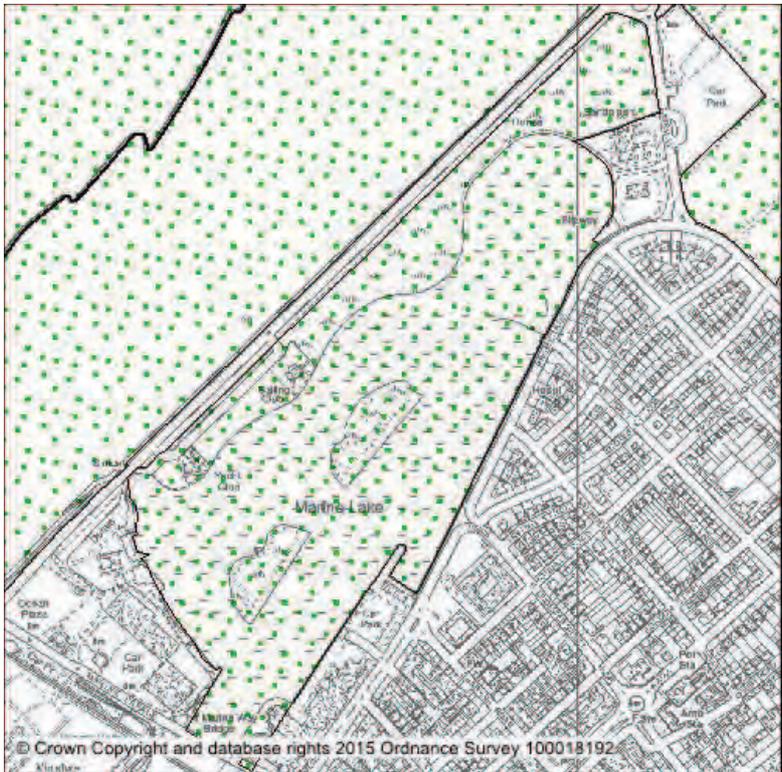


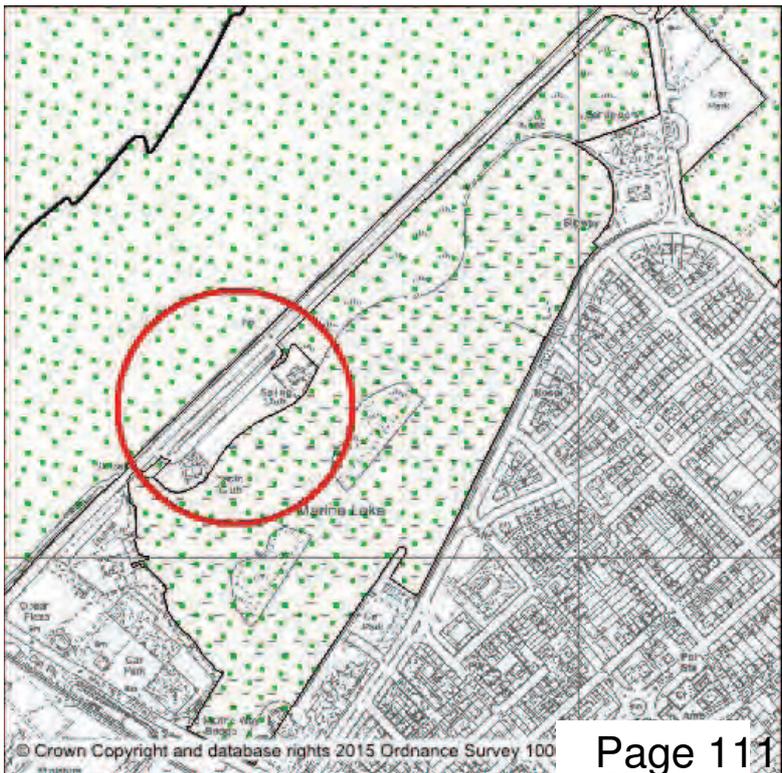
Figure 14

NH2 Southport Marine Lake. Boundary amended as indicated below

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Figure 15

NH2 Seaforth Nature Reserve. Boundary amended as indicated below

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Figure 16

NH2 Switch Island. Boundary amended as indicated below

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Figure 17

NH3 Nature Improvement Focus Areas. Designation removed from all Policy Maps and Legends

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Figure 18

NH5 King's Park, Seaforth. Site area reduced as indicated below

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Figure 19

Freshfield Bowling Club, Formby, Seaforth. Site area reduced as indicated below

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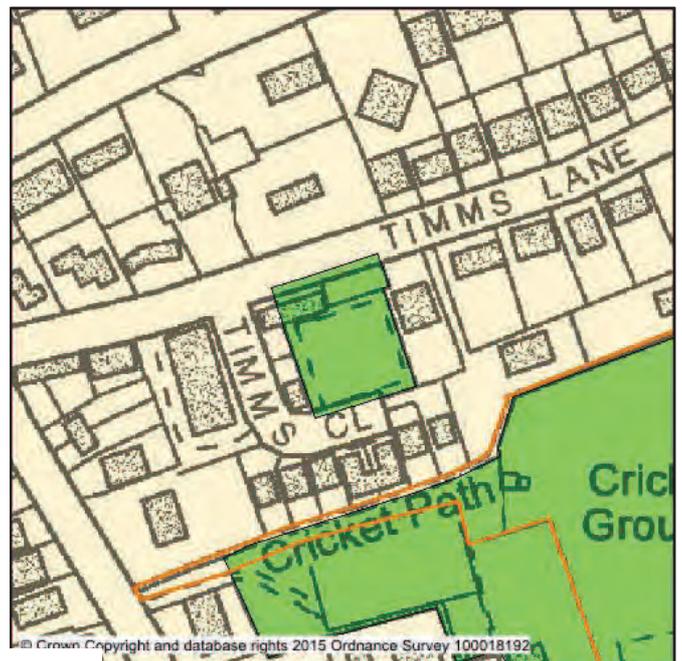
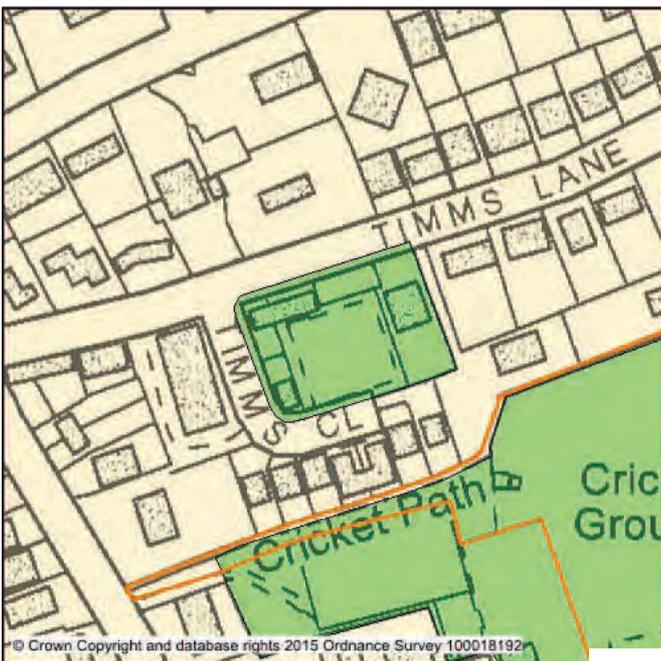


Figure 20

NH5 Sphynx Tennis Club, Southport. Site area reduced as indicated below

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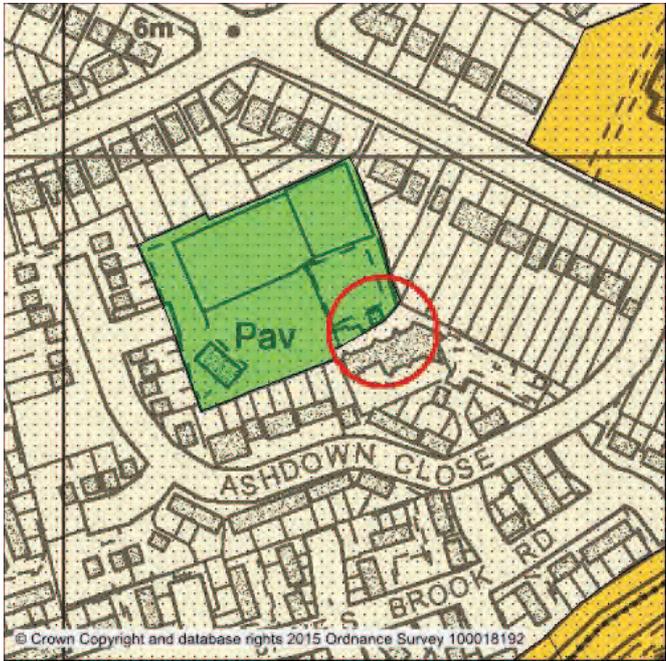
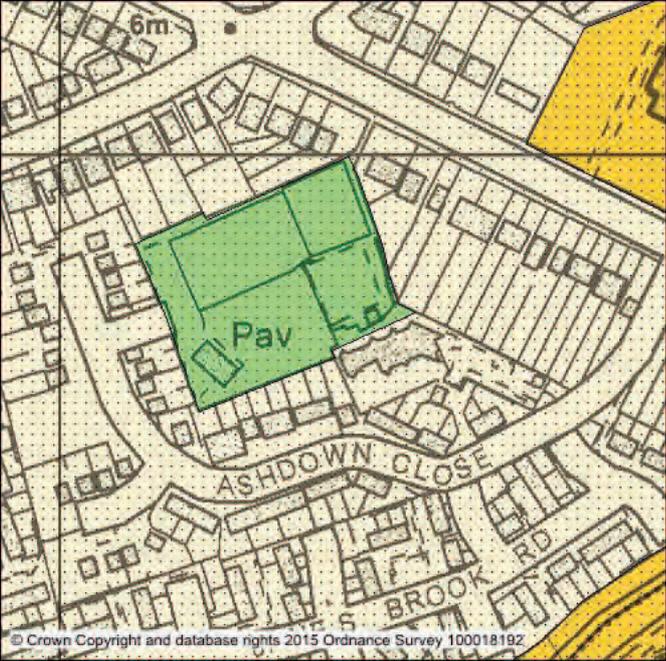
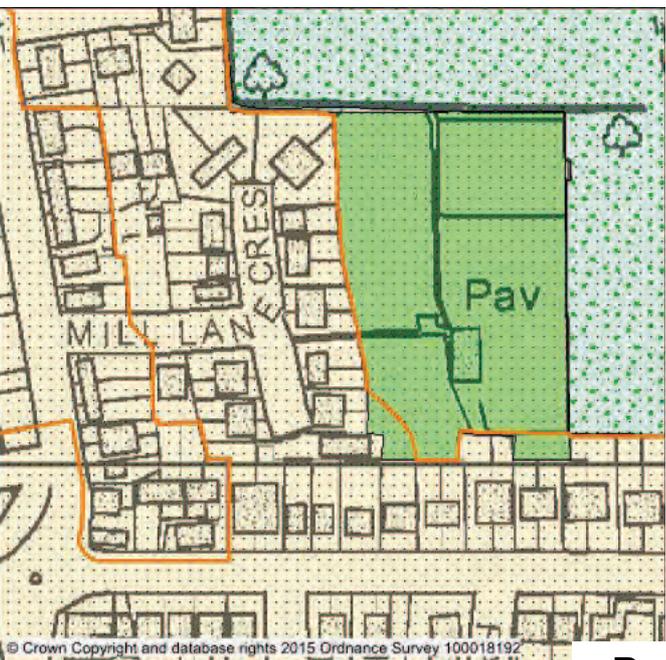


Figure 21

NH5 Churchtown Tennis Club, Southport. Site area amended as indicated below

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Figure 22

NH5 Broad Hey open space, Netherton. Site area reduced as indicated below

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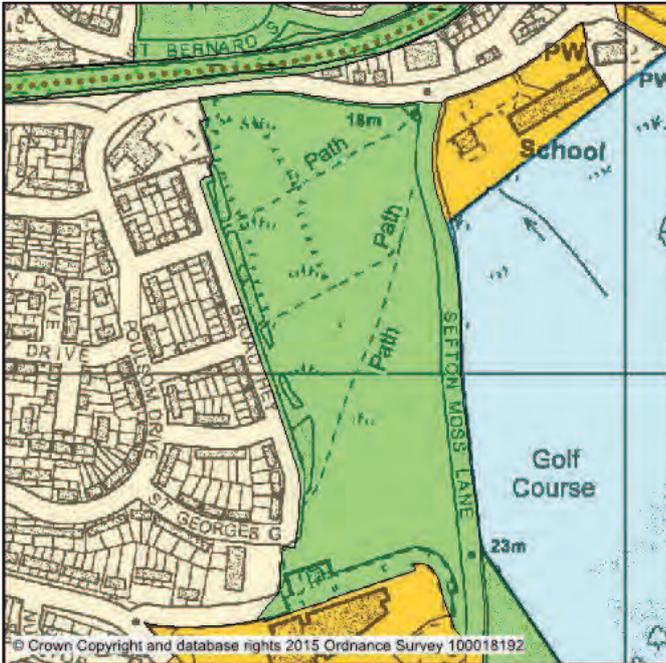


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NH5 Marsh Lane Play Area, Bootle. Site area reduced as indicated below

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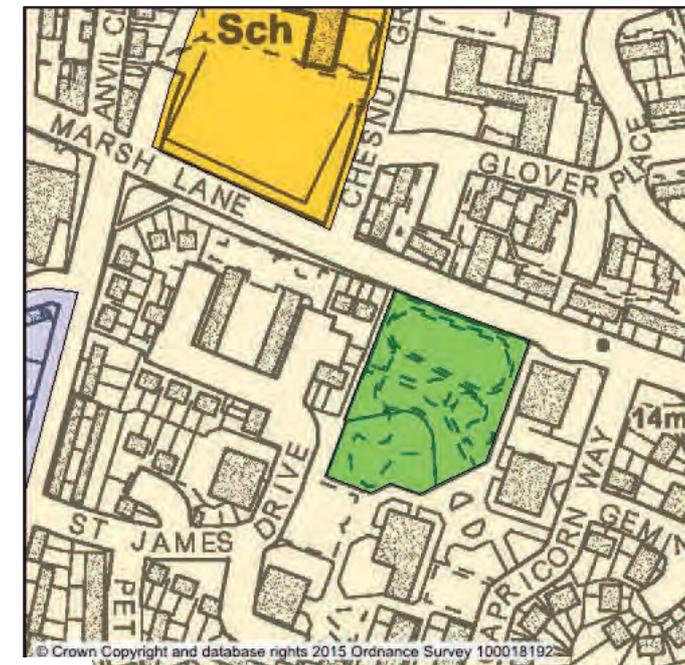
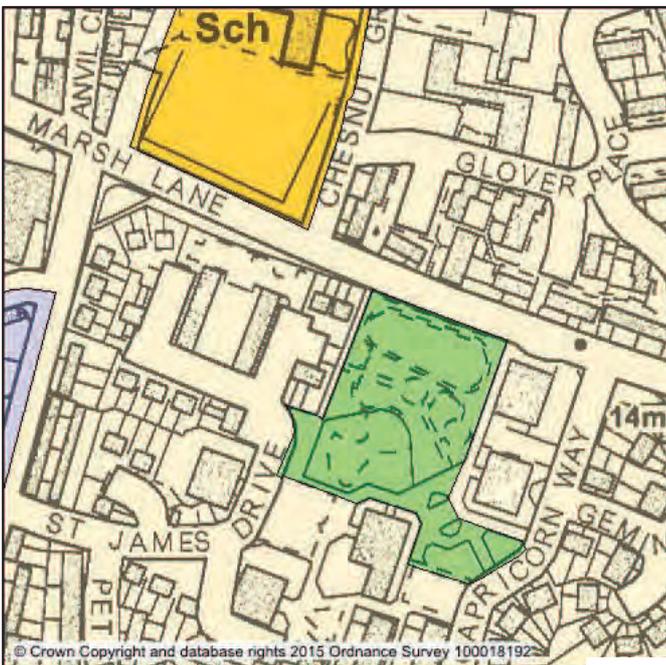
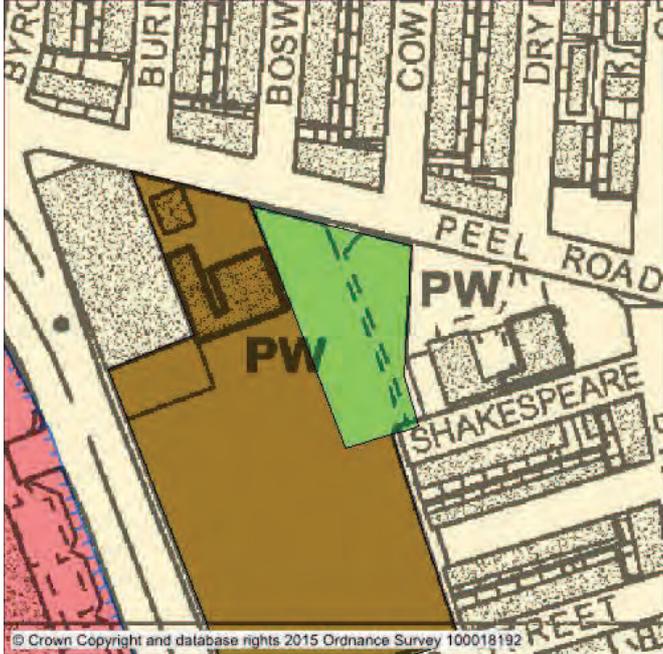
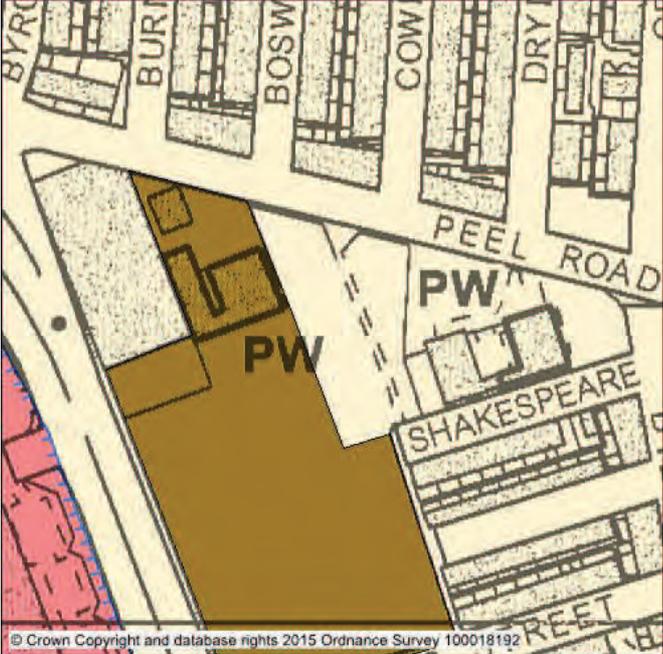


Figure 24

NH5 Peel Road Park. Bootle. Site added as indicated below

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Peel Road Park. Bootle – Policy NH5

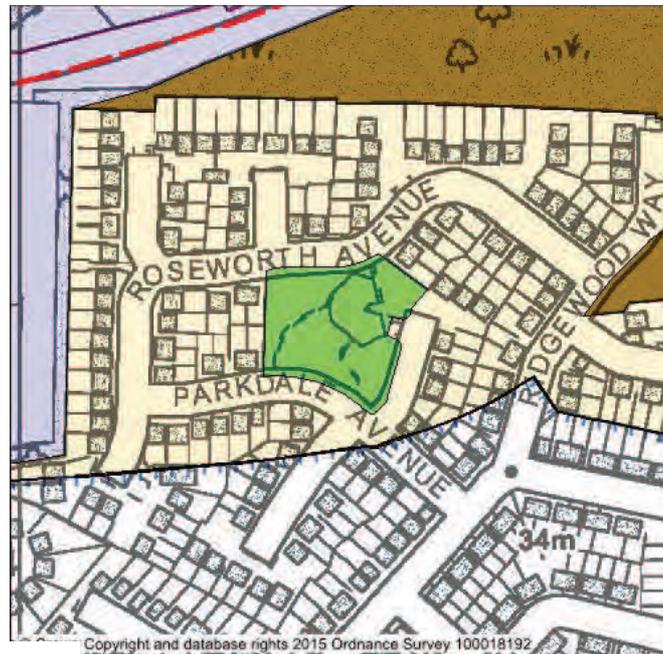
Peel Road Park, Bootle – Policy NH5

Figure 25

NH5 Parkdale Play Area, Bootle. Site added as indicated below

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NH5 Lathom Gardens, Maghull. Site added as indicated below

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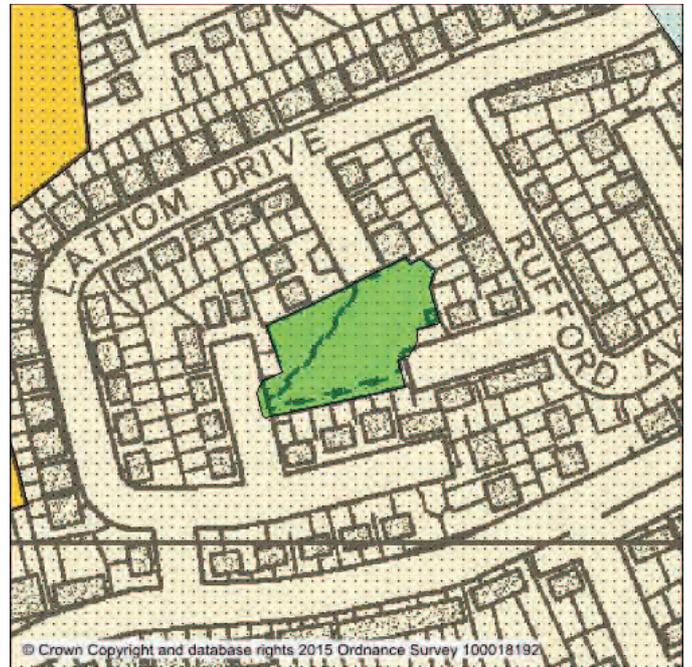
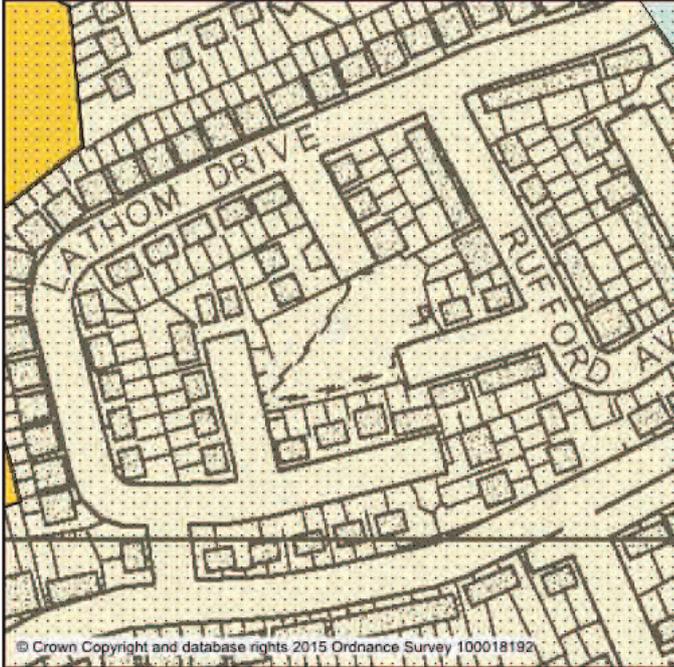


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NH5 Church Green Pond Site, Formby. Site added as indicated below

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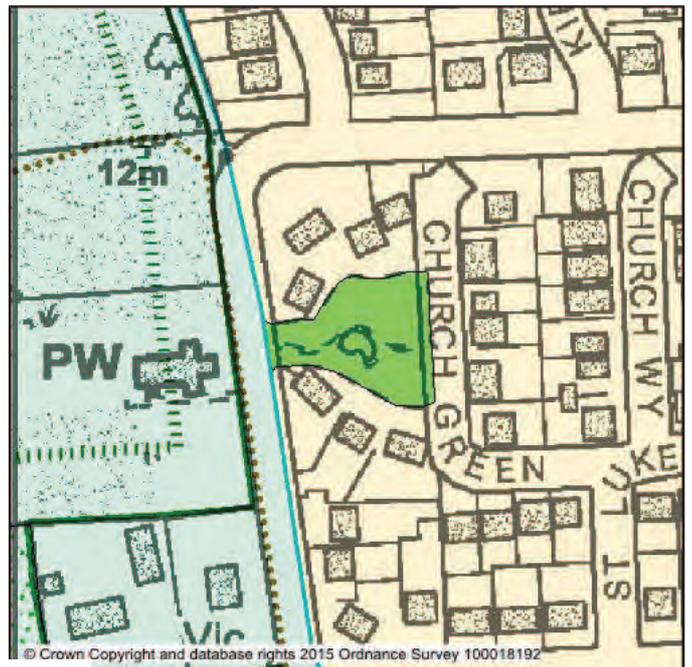
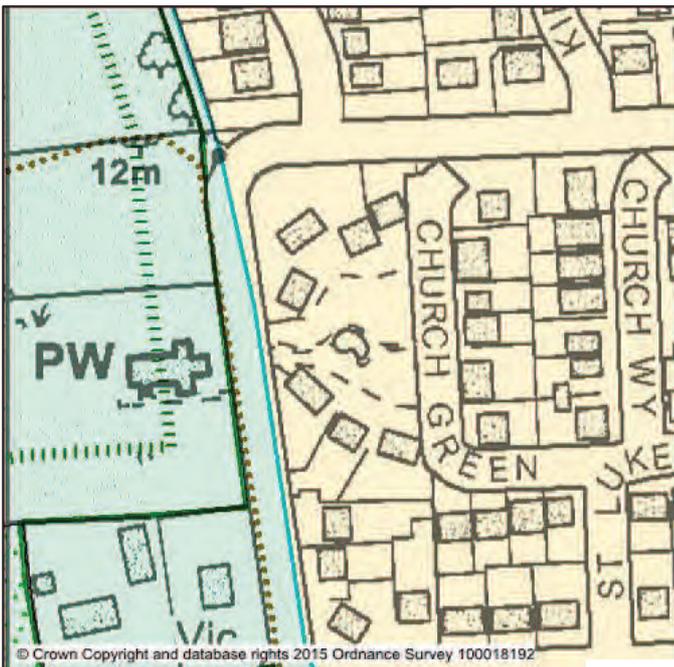
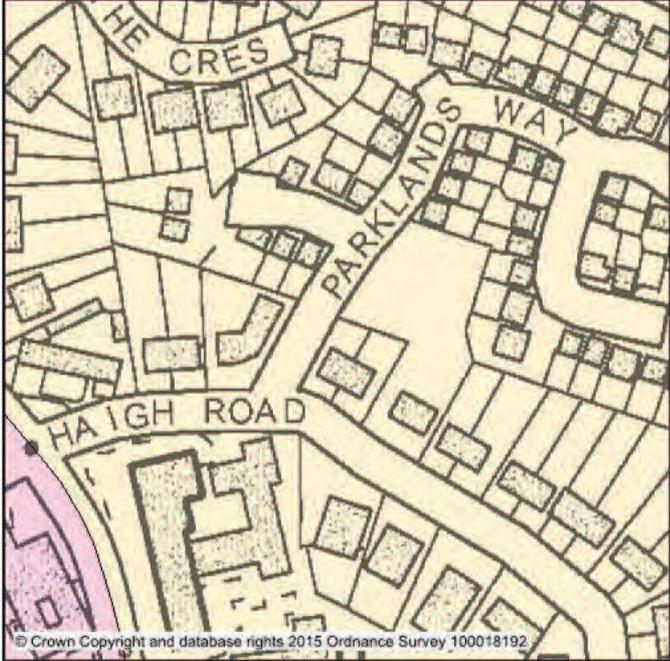


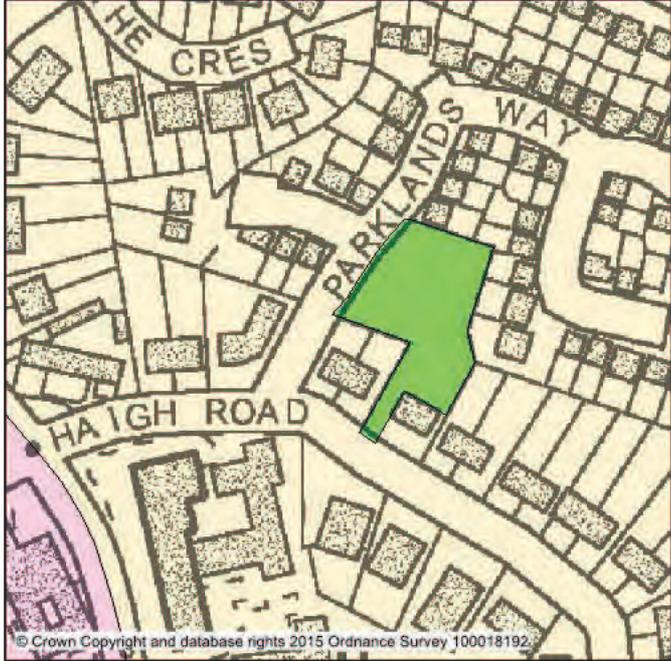
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NH5 Brooklands Bowling Club, Crosby. Site added as indicated below

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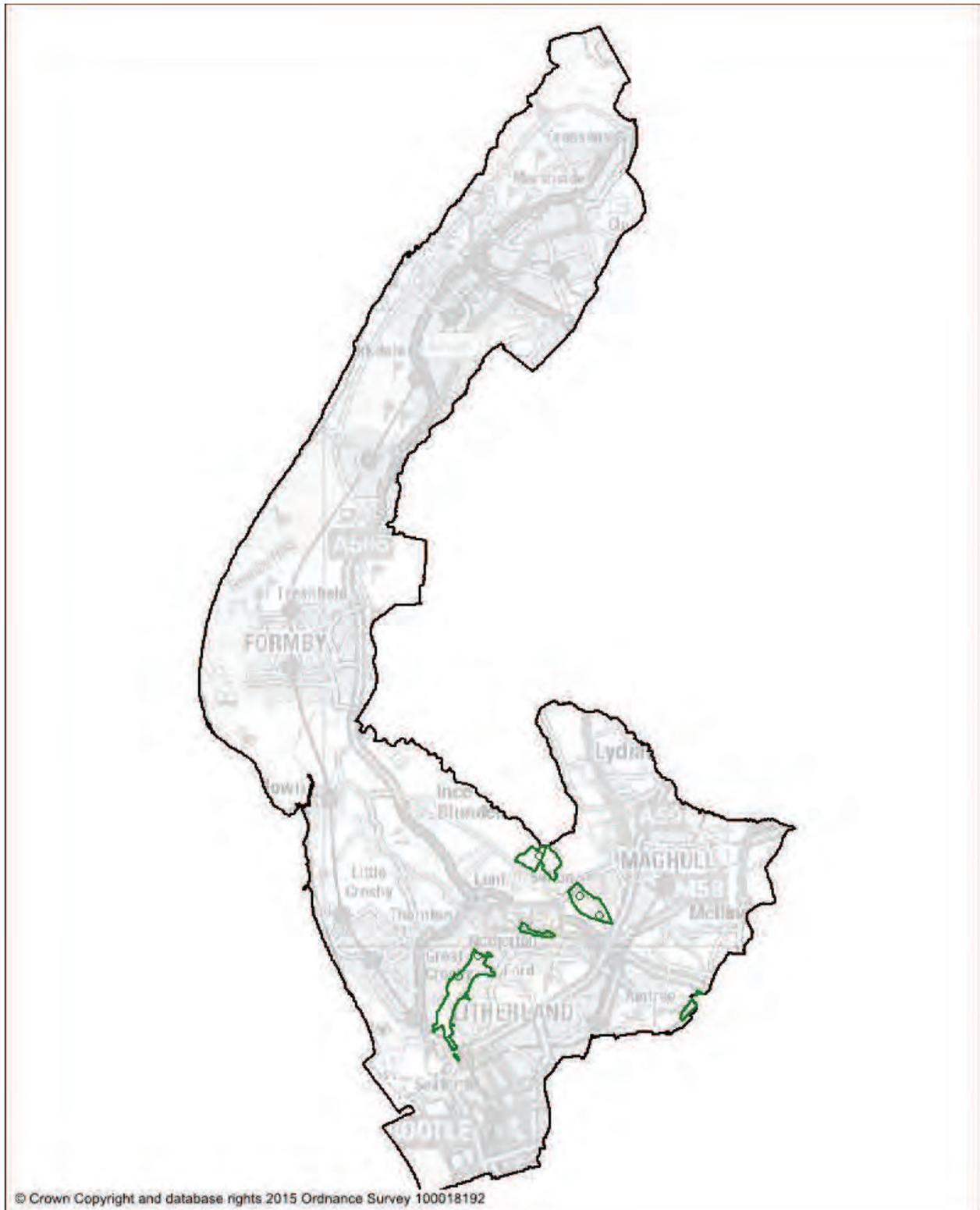


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Figure 29

NH5 Countryside Recreation Areas. Amendment to all Policy Maps to recognise CRA's along the Sefton Coast and elsewhere

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Figure 30

NH8 Mineral Safeguarding Area. New layer showing extent and purpose of Mineral Safeguarding Area, this will be incorporated within all Policy Maps at a later date

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