

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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10 December 2019

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HALTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Wednesday, 18 December 2019 commencing at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and passing such resolution(s) as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters mentioned in the Agenda.

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Chief Executive

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Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve

- 1) setting the 2020/21 Tax Base at 35,359 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Environment Agency be so notified; and
- 2) the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes be set as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	663
Halebank	523
Daresbury	179
Moore	327
Preston Brook	368
Sandymoor	1,265

- c) 2019/20 Revised Capital Programme (Minute EXB 54 refers) **9 - 16**

Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revised Capital Programme as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

- d) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and incorporating the Ward Boundary Review (Minute EXB 57 refers) **17 - 34**

Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the amendments to the scheme detailed in the appendix attached to the report, for the period 2019/2024.

- e) Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) - Submission to the Secretary of State - KEY DECISION **35 - 54**

Council is asked to consider the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve

- 1) The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Proposed Submission Document (August 2019) is submitted to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (see section 3.5 – 3.8);
- 2) Delegated authority to make minor editorial amendments to the DALP be granted to the Operational Director for Policy, Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Physical Environment (see section 3.9);
- 3) Delegated authority is granted to Officers (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Physical Environment) representing the Local Planning Authority at examination to enter into discussions with relevant parties, and to suggest appropriate wording and policies map changes, as may be required to satisfy the examining Inspector on matters concerning the soundness of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (see section 3.14); and
- 4) From the point of submission to Government, material weight is given to the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Proposed Submission Document (August 2019) as a material consideration in decisions made under the planning Acts. As the DALP represents an appropriate development strategy for the Borough and has undergone public consultation, the DALP is capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions.

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REPORT TO:	Executive Board
DATE:	17 October 2019
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director - People
PORTFOLIO:	Children, Education and Social Care
SUBJECT:	Halton Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Constitution
WARD(S)	Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Executive Board recommends that the Council approves the Halton SACRE Constitution.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That Council be recommended to approve the Halton SACRE Constitution.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Religious Education and Collective Worship DfE Circular 1/94 (published 31 January 1994) paragraph 89 states that there are statutory duties on every LEA to establish a permanent body called a standing advisory council for religious education (SACRE), advise the LEA on matters concerned with the provision of RE and collective worship. (Education Reform Act 1988, s.11).

3.2 A SACRE's main function is to advise the authority upon matters connected with religious worship in county schools (maintained and voluntary controlled) and the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus as the authority may refer to the council or as the council may see fit.

3.3 The broad role of a SACRE is to support the effective provision of RE and collective worship in schools. Each LEA should work with its SACRE to review the existing provision for RE and consider with the SACRE whether any changes need to be made to the agreed syllabus or in the support offered to schools. Similarly it should work with its SACRE to monitor the provision of daily collective worship and to consider with it action which might be taken to improve such provision. (Education Reform Act 1988, s11(1)(a).

3.4 Composition of SACRE. (Education Act 1993 s.15+16)

A SACRE is to comprise four groups representing, respectively:

A Christian denominations and other religions and religious denominations, the number of whose representatives shall 'so far as is consistent with the efficient discharge of the committee's functions, reflect the broadly proportionate strength of that denomination or religion in the area';

B the Church of England;

C such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the authority, ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area;

D the local education authority

3.5 The Halton SACRE requires a constitution to ensure it operates efficiently and fulfils its statutory duties. The constitution provides a structure for its work and ensures SACRE meetings are held in a way that is publicly accountable.

3.6 The constitution included in this report has, as a final draft been submitted to the four Groups of Halton SACRE for approval.

3.7 The constitution specifies the numbers of representatives in each Group and, in the cases of Group A, C and D, specifies with particular faith group (Group A) or teachers' organisation (Group C) they represent. In the case of Group D the constitution identifies other groups deemed necessary by the authority, notably local authority governors.

3.8 Clear identification of numbers of representatives and other groups as in paragraph 3.8 will strongly assist Halton SACRE in its aim to strengthen membership in order to meet its statutory duties and work closely with schools to support the teaching and learning of RE and daily acts of collective worship.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The attached document 'Compliance with the duty to teach

Religious Education' has been provided to all Headteachers, Principal's and Chairs of Governors in Halton schools. It makes clear the importance for all schools to adhere to the compliance for the duty to teach RE (letter to Chair of NASACRE 22 March 2019 from Neil Lawson, DfE). This compliance has a direct impact on all children and young people across Halton schools.

The Halton SACRE Constitution will ensure all children and young people in Halton schools are supported, monitored and challenged to provide high quality teaching and learning in RE and high quality acts of collective worship. It will support SACRE in holding academies and free schools to account to ensure compliance with the duty to teach RE. It will support members of SACRE working with schools of all phases that are maintained or voluntary controlled to access and develop the Locally Agreed Syllabus (LAS) for RE to provide high quality teaching and learning experiences as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

A wider membership of Halton SACRE as referred to in paragraph 3.8 will build capacity within the four Groups to provide expert guidance and support to schools to ensure RE and collective worship is part of the statutory provision for children and young people across the borough.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There is a risk that without the support for and scrutiny of RE and collective worship by a strengthened SACRE children and young people will not receive and benefit from the provision they are entitled to.

7.2 The Education Inspection Framework (September 2019) has an increased focus on a school's curriculum, its intent, its implication and its impact on children and young people. RE is a statutory part

of the curriculum and specific guidance to the inspection of RE is provided in the handbooks for inspection. There is a risk that, if schools do not meet expectations in terms of provision they are at risk of an adverse inspection outcome.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The representatives of religious and other interests on Halton SACRE, as identified in the constitution gives them opportunities to help ensure the RE curriculum deals accurately and sensitively with their own religious or other perspective, and that any concerns about RE are raised and considered.

8.2 Current political sensitivities, the need for schools to provide appropriate learning opportunities and experiences that celebrate diversity and equality, and the need to advise and support schools in teaching controversial issues means that Halton SACRE has a significant role to play acting as a learned voice to schools.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
DfE Circular 1/94. Religious Education and Collective Worship. 31 January 1994	People Directorate	Operational Director, Education, Inclusion & Provision
Halton SACRE Constitution 2019	People Directorate	Operational Director, Education, Inclusion & Provision
Compliance with the duty to teach Religious Education	People Directorate	Operational Director, Education, Inclusion & Provision

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 14 November 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Finance

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Determination of Council Tax Base 2020/21

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Council is required to determine annually the Council Tax Base for its area and also the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes.
- 1.2 The Council is required to notify the Council Tax Base figure to the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Environment Agency by 31 January 2020. The Council is also required to calculate and advise if requested, the Parish Councils of their relevant Council Tax Bases.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to

- 1) **set the 2020/21 Council Tax Base at 35,359 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Environment Agency be so notified; and**
- 2) **set the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes as follows:**

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Hale	663
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3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council Tax Base is the measure used for calculating Council Tax and is used by both the billing authority (the Council) and the major precepting authorities (Cheshire Fire Authority, Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority), in the calculation of their Council Tax requirements.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Base figure is arrived at in accordance with a prescribed formula, and represents the estimated full year number of chargeable dwellings in the Borough, expressed in terms of the equivalent of Band 'D' dwellings.
- 3.3 The Council Tax Base is calculated using the number of dwellings included in the Valuation List, as provided by the Valuation Office Agency, as at 14 October 2019. Adjustments are then made to take into account the estimated number of discounts, voids, additions and demolitions during the period 14 October 2019 to 31 March 2020.
- 3.4 The tax base calculation has included an element for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (the replacement for Council Tax Benefit). The estimated amount of Council Tax Support payable for 2020/21 is converted into the equivalent number of whole properties which are deducted from the total.
- 3.5 The tax base calculation will include an element for Care Leavers Discretionary Discount. The estimated amount of Care Leavers Discount payable for 2020/21 is converted into the equivalent number of whole properties which are deducted from the total.
- 3.6 The tax base calculation will include an element for Foster Carers Discretionary Discount. The estimated amount of Foster Carers Discount payable for 2020/21 is converted into the equivalent number of whole properties which are deducted from the total.
- 3.7 An estimated percentage collection rate is then applied to the product of the above calculation to arrive at the Council Tax Base for the year.
- 3.8 Taking account of all the relevant information and applying a 97.0% collection rate, the calculation for 2020/21 provides a tax base figure of **35,359** for the Borough as a whole.

- 3.9 Taking account of all the relevant information and applying a 97.0% collection rate, the appropriate Council Tax Base figure for each of the Parishes is as follows

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	663
Halebank	523
Daresbury	179
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4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council Tax Base will enable the Council to set the level of Council Tax to be charged for 2020/21.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 There would be significant loss of income to the Council if the Council Tax Base were not agreed, as it would not be possible to set the level of Council Tax to be charged for 2020/21.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 None.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D
OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Working Papers	Halton Stadium	Stephen Baker

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 18 December 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Finance

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: 2019/20 Revised Capital Programme

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to a number of revisions to the Council's 2019/20 capital programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the revisions to the Council's 2019/20 capital programme set out in paragraph 3.2 below, be approved.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 On 14 November 2019 Executive Board received a report of spending against the Council's revenue budget and capital programme as at 30 September 2019. A number of revisions to the 2019/20 capital programme were recommended for approval by Council as outlined below.

3.2 It is proposed to revise the Council's 2019/20 capital programme, to reflect a number of changes in spending profiles and funding as schemes have developed. These are reflected in the revised capital programme presented in Appendix 1. The schemes which have been revised within the programme are as follows

1. Stadium Reconfiguration
2. Open Spaces
3. Children's Playground Equipment
4. Crow Wood Play Area
5. Crow Wood Park Pavillion
6. Peelhouse Lane Cemetery
7. Linnets Clubhouse
8. Widnes Waterfront
9. Former Crosville Site
10. Broseley House
11. Solar Farm
12. Moor Lane Bus Depot
13. Manor Park
14. Integrated Transport & Network Management
15. Grangeway Court Refurbishment
16. Bredon Reconfiguration
17. Orchard House

- 18.Disabled Facilities Grant
- 19.Stairlifts (Adaptations Initiative)
- 20.RSL Adaptations (Joint Funding)
- 21.Madeline McKenna Care Home
- 22.Basic Need
- 23.SEND capital allocation
- 24.Chesnut Lodge

4.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 There are no direct implications; however, the capital programme supports the delivery and achievement of all the Council's priorities.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 There are a number of financial risks within the capital programme. However, the Council has internal controls and processes in place to ensure that spending remains in line with budget.

6.2 In preparing the 2019/20 budget and capital programme, a register of significant financial risks was prepared which has been updated as at 30 September 2019.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1072

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

Capital Programme as at 30 September 2019

Directorate/Department	Actual Expenditure to Date £'000	2019/20 Cumulative Capital Allocation			Capital Allocation 2020/21 £'000	Capital Allocation 2021/22 £'000
		Quarter 2 £'000	Quarter 3 £'000	Quarter 4 £'000		
<u>Enterprise Community & Resources Directorate</u>						
Community and Environment						
Stadium Minor Works	0	20	30	39	30	30
Stadium Pitch	0	0	21	21	0	0
Stadium Reconfiguration	119	119	300	464	0	0
Open Spaces Schemes	249	200	385	560	0	0
Children's Playground Equipment	42	85	100	154	65	65
Upton Improvements	0	5	10	13	0	0
Crow Wood Play Area	10	10	15	20	15	0
Crow Wood Park Pavillion	217	217	270	320	0	0
Peelhouse Lane Cemetery	92	400	700	939	39	20
Peelhouse Lane Cemetery – Enabling Works	7	5	7	11	1	0
Pheonix Park	3	3	3	3	0	0
Victoria Park Glass House	144	144	225	305	0	0
Sandymoor Playing Fields	27	25	30	40	30	0
Widnes & Runcorn Cemeteries	179	100	150	190	9	0
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	2	2	10	20	340	340

Directorate/Department	Actual Expenditure to Date £'000	2019/20 Cumulative Capital Allocation			Capital Allocation 2020/21 £'000	Capital Allocation 2021/22 £'000
		Quarter 2 £'000	Quarter 3 £'000	Quarter 4 £'000		
Runcorn Town Park	7	75	150	200	280	280
Bowling Greens	2	10	20	32	2	0
Litter Bins	0	0	0	20	20	20
Community Shop	0	0	50	50	0	0
Libraries IT equipment	83	83	94	94	0	0
ICT & Support Services						
ICT Rolling Programme	159	159	400	700	700	700
Economy, Enterprise & Property						
3MG	40	40	80	126	0	0
Widnes Waterfront	0	0	0	0	1,000	0
SciTech Daresbury – EZ Grant	40	40	96	96	0	0
Venture Field	0	0	41	41	0	0
Linnets Clubhouse	32	32	50	50	59	0
The Croft	0	0	30	30	0	0
Murdishaw redevelopment	0	0	20	38	0	0
Former Crosville Site	127	127	127	127	0	0
Advertising Screen at The Hive	0	0	0	100	0	0
Widnes Market Refurbishment	32	32	50	100	40	0
Broseley House	12	12	15	15	5	441
Solar Farm	21	21	353	1,209	0	0

Directorate/Department	Actual Expenditure to Date £'000	2019/20 Cumulative Capital Allocation			Capital Allocation 2020/21 £'000	Capital Allocation 2021/22 £'000
		Quarter 2 £'000	Quarter 3 £'000	Quarter 4 £'000		
Moor Lane Bus Depot	4	4	4	247	0	0
Manor Park	0	0	0	37	0	0
Equality Act Improvement Works	198	198	250	300	300	300
Mersey Gateway						
Land Acquisitions	0	35	52	3,395	0	0
Development Costs	34	45	75	105	0	0
Other						
Risk Management	39	39	200	377	120	120
Fleet Replacements	457	457	1,154	1,471	1,760	3,043
Policy, Planning & Transportation						
Bridge & Highway Maintenance	3,041	3,041	4,200	5,867	0	0
Integrated Transport & Network Management	200	200	430	618	0	0
Street Lighting – Structural Maintenance & Upgrades	109	109	1,190	1,755	2,000	200
STEPS Programme	1,218	1,218	2,013	2,013	0	0
Silver Jubilee Bridge Major Maintenance	1,876	1,876	3,250	4,126	0	0
Silver Jubilee Bridge Decoupling	2,315	2,315	4,200	5,705	0	0
Widnes Loops	188	188	3,070	4,553	0	0

Directorate/Department	Actual Expenditure to Date £'000	2019/20 Cumulative Capital Allocation			Capital Allocation 2020/21 £'000	Capital Allocation 2021/22 £'000
		Quarter 2 £'000	Quarter 3 £'000	Quarter 4 £'000		
KRN – Earle Road Gyratory	3	3	160	238	0	0
Travelodge / Watkinson Way Footpath	0	0	80	128	0	0
SUD Green Cycle / Walk Corridors	9	9	123	245	435	267
Total Enterprise Community & Resources	11,337	11,703	24,283	37,307	7,250	5,826
People Directorate						
Adult Social Care						
ALD Bungalows	0	0	0	0	199	0
Grangeway Court Refurbishment	1	1	135	273	0	0
Bredon Reconfiguration	17	20	25	30	0	0
Purchase of 2 adapted properties	124	130	320	512	0	0
Orchard House	26	30	200	407	0	0
Carefirst Upgrade	362	362	362	362	0	0
Complex Pool						
Disabled Facilities Grant	277	300	450	601	0	0
Stairlifts (Adaptations Initiative)	111	125	190	256	0	0
RSL Adaptations (Joint Funding)	126	130	195	260	0	0
Carehome Acquisitions and refurbishment	1,946	1,950	3,000	3,837	0	0

Directorate/Department	Actual Expenditure to Date £'000	2019/20 Cumulative Capital Allocation			Capital Allocation 2020/21 £'000	Capital Allocation 2021/22 £'000
		Quarter 2 £'000	Quarter 3 £'000	Quarter 4 £'000		
Oakmeadow refurbishment	19	20	105	105	0	0
Madeline McKenna Care Home	14	14	14	14	0	0
Schools Related						
Asset Management Data	3	5	5	5	0	0
Capital Repairs	181	588	608	883	0	0
Asbestos Management	5	10	20	43	0	0
Schools Access Initiative	0	5	17	17	0	0
Basic Need Projects	0	0	0	194	437	0
Fairfield Primary School	19	34	34	34	0	0
Kitchen Gas Safety	19	30	50	68	0	0
Small Capital Works	16	16	75	126	0	0
Bridge School Vocational Centre	1	11	27	27	0	0
Simms Cross	1	1	1	1	0	0
SEND capital allocation	245	350	550	639	233	0
Healthy Pupils Capital Fund	4	13	17	17	0	0
The Grange – Brookfields Provision	0	30	30	30	0	0
Chesnut Lodge	0	0	0	300	0	0
Total People Directorate	3,517	4,175	6,430	9,041	869	0
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	14,854	15,878	30,713	46,348	8,119	5,826
Slippage (20%)				-9,270	-1,624	-1,165
					9,270	1,624
TOTAL	14,854	15,878	30,713	37,078	15,765	6,285

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REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 14 November 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Returning Officer – David Parr

SUBJECT: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and incorporating the ward boundary review

WARDS: All Wards

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the results of the formal Polling District, Places and Stations Review, highlight recommended changes to the polling scheme and put forward a revised polling scheme for approval.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

That Council be recommended to adopt the amendments to the scheme detailed in the appendix to the report for the period 2019-2024.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires the Council to carry out a review of all its polling stations every five years. The main purpose of the review is to ensure that all residents have reasonable facilities for voting.

As part of the review process we have to consult electors, councillors and other interested parties. Details of all polling districts and polling stations were on the Council's website and notices were placed in the Direct Link offices. Comments were required by 1 August and those received have been taken into account.

The responses to the consultation were considered by the Polling Station Review Working Party on 21 August 2019. The recommendations of the Working Party are detailed in the Appendix.

4.0 POLICY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications although it is important to ensure that all electors have equal access to polling stations and places in line with the Council's priority on accessibility of services. Subject to the decisions on the location of polling stations there may or may not be financial implications.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 5.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** – If polling stations are situated in the right places it could encourage voter turnout for electors in this age group.
- 5.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** – There are no implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **A Healthy Halton** – The provision of polling stations in suitable locations could encourage engagement with the democratic process and in turn promote a healthy living environment.
- 5.4 **A Safer Halton** – The location of polling stations in a safe environment for all electors could encourage voter turnout.
- 5.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** - There are no implications arising from this report.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no risk assessment implications.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 7.1 Historically every effort has been made to make sure that all polling buildings are accessible for electors with disabilities. At the most recent elections problems were encountered with access for wheelchair users and action was taken on the day to enable the elector to exercise their right to vote. It is important to ensure that all electors have equal access to polling stations and places in line with the Council's priority on accessibility of services.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 8.1 None under the meaning of the Act.

APPENDIX**POLLING PLACES AND ELECTORATE****APPLETON WARD**

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
BA	Mobile Polling Station, Victoria Park, (Lockett Road entrance), Widnes	1498	St Johns Church Hall, Fairfield Road
BB	St Bedes Scout Hut, Appleton Village, Widnes	1094	None
BC	Fairfield Primary School, Peelhouse Lane, Widnes	1573	None
BD	Mobile Polling Station, Frederick Street/Dickson Street, Widnes	331	From May 2020 to Simms Cross School
BE	Halton & St Helens VCA, Lugsdale Road, Widnes (Shared with Riverside Ward – polling district EA)	484	None

BEECHWOOD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
PA	Beechwood Community Centre, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1286	None
PB	Hillview Primary School, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1614	None

BIRCHFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
XA	Marquee, Upton Tavern, Upton Lane, Widnes	3360	None
XB	Mobile Polling Station, Queensbury Way, Widnes	1965	None

BROADHEATH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
FA	John Dalton Centre, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes (Shared with Ditton Ward – polling district GD)	646	None
FB	Mobile Polling Station, Delamere Avenue (rear of Quarry Court), Widnes	808	Quarry Court Community Room
FC	Mobile Polling Station, Omiston Chadwick School, Liverpool Road, Widnes	785	Naughton Fields Community Room – dual station with FD
FD	Mobile Polling Station, Blundell Road/Hanley Road, Widnes	1235	Naughton Fields Community Room
FE	Widnes Rugby Union Football Club, Heath Road, Widnes	1285	None

DARESURY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
TK	Milner Institute, Runcorn Road, Moore, Runcorn	654	None
TL	The Lewis Carroll Centre, All Saints Parish Church, Daresbury Lane	265	None
TM	Preston Brook Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	693	None
TT	Sandymoor Community Centre, Pitts Heath Lane, Sandymoor, Runcorn	2413	None

DITTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
GA	Nursery Unit, Oakfield Community Primary School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes	836	None
GB	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, Clincton View, Widnes	1083	None
GC	Halebank Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes	1351	None
GD	Mobile Polling Station, Ditchfield Road, Widnes	993	Community Room Ditton Library
GE	John Dalton Centre, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes (Shared with Broadheath Ward – polling district FA)	646	None
GF	Scout Hut, Hall Avenue, Widnes	547	None

FARNWORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
AA	Lunts Heath Primary School, Wedgewood Drive, Widnes	3261	None
AB	Farnworth CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Pit Lane, Widnes	1672	None
AC	Moorfield Primary School, Moorfield Road, Widnes (shared with Halton View Ward)	1179	None
AD	Farnworth Methodist Church Hall, Derby Road, Widnes	784	None

GRANGE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
NA	Bertha's Room, St Edwards Parish Centre, Ivy Street, Runcorn	1275	None
NB	Grangeway Community Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	1628	None
NC	Halton Lodge Children's Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	1909	None

HALE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
JA	Hale Village Hall, High Street, Hale	1521	None

HALTON BROOK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
MA	Wicksten Drive Christian Centre, Wicksten Drive, Runcorn	1945	None
MB	Brook Chapel, Boston Avenue, Runcorn	1335	None
MC	Halton Brook Community Centre, Meadway, Runcorn	1552	None

HALTON CASTLE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
OA	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	1512	None
OB	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	850	None
OC	St Mary's Halton CE Aided Primary School, Castlefields Avenue South, Runcorn	1283	None
OD	The Brow Community Primary School, The Clough, Runcorn	998	None

HALTON LEA WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
QA	Palacefields Community Centre, The Uplands, Runcorn	1907	None
QB	The Lapwing Centre, Lapwing Grove, Runcorn	1059	None
QC	Hallwood Park Primary School, Hallwood Park Avenue, Runcorn	923	None
QD	Halton Lodge Community Centre, Whitchurch Way, Runcorn	529	None

HALTON VIEW WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
CA	Mobile Polling Station, Weates Close, Widnes	1461	None
CB	Mobile Polling Station, Bancroft Road, Widnes	1754	From May 2020 Crow Wood Pavillion, Crow Wood Park
CC	St Ambrose Church Hall, Warrington Road, Widnes	1246	None
CD	Moorfield Primary School, Moorfield Road, Widnes (Shared with Farnworth Ward)	528	None

HEATH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
LA	Christ Church Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	701	None
LB	St Clements Catholic Primary School, Oxford Road, Runcorn	1381	None
LC	St John's CE Church Hall, Heath Road South, Weston Village, Runcorn	886	Weston Primary School
LD	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clifton Road, Runcorn	1578	None

HOUGH GREEN WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HA	All Saints Upton CE Controlled Primary School, Hough Green Road, Widnes	2061	None
HB	Upton Community Centre, Hough Green Road, Widnes	785	None
HC	Mobile Polling Station, Arley Drive, Widnes	1137	Dual Station with Upton Community Centre
HD	St Basil's Club, Hough Green Road, Widnes	1006	St Basils School being checked if suitable

KINGSWAY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
DA	6 th Form Building, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic College, Highfield Road, Widnes	1028	None
DB	Frank Myler Pavilion , Liverpool Road, Widnes	611	None
DC	Creche - Fitness Suite – Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	2139	None
DD	Simms Cross Primary School, Kingsway, Widnes (Entrance on Kingsway, near Sharp Street)	586	None
DE	Creche - Fitness Suite – Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	378	None

MERSEY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
KA	Runcorn Spiritualist Church, Ashridge Street, Runcorn	1620	None
KB	The Partnership Centre, Old Police Station, Bridge Street, Runcorn	761	None
KC	Victoria Road Primary School, Victoria Road, Runcorn	682	None
KD	West Runcorn Youth Club, Russell Road, Runcorn	955	None
KE	Westfield Primary School, Clayton Crescent, Runcorn	1114	None

NORTON NORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
RA	St Bertelines CE Primary School, Norton Lane, Runcorn	2569	None
RB	Gorsewood Primary School, Gorsewood Road, Runcorn	2291	None

NORTON SOUTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
ZX	Brookvale Community Centre (Higher House), Old Northwich Road, Runcorn	1049	None
ZY	Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn	1467	None
ZZ	Brookvale Community Centre (Higher House), Old Northwich Road, Runcorn	1973	None

RIVERSIDE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
EA	Halton & St Helens VCA, Lugsdale Road, Widnes (Shared with Appleton Ward – polling district BE)	528	None
EB	Widnes Academy, Cholmondeley Street, Widnes	1011	None
EC	Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes	838	None
ED	St Michael's Parish Centre, St Michaels Road, Widnes	1355	None

WINDMILL HILL WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
SA	Priory View Community House, 231-233 Lockgate West, Runcorn	935	None
SB	Windmill Hill Primary School, Windmill Hill, Runcorn	791	None

POLLING PLACES AND WARDS FOLLOWING BOUNDARY REVIEW – to be confirmed by Polling Station Working Party

APPLETON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
AP1	St Johns Church Hall, Fairfield Road, Widnes	1511
AP2	St Bedes Scout Hut, Appleton Village, Widnes	1222
AP3	Fairfield Primary School, Peelhouse Lane, Widnes	1529
AP4	Simms Cross Primary School, Kingsway, Widnes (Shared with Central & West Bank Ward)	462

BANKFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
BK1	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, Clincton View, Widnes	1084
BK2	Scout Hut, Hall Avenue, Widnes	553
BK3	Nursery Unit, Oakfield Infants School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes	843
BK4	The John Dalton Centre, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes	649
BK5	Quarry Court Community Room, Off Delamere Avenue, Widnes	873
BK6	Naughton Fields Community Room, Liverpool Road, Widnes (Shared with Highfield Ward)	1182

BEECHWOOD & HEATH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
BH1	St Clements Catholic Primary School, Oxford Road, Runcorn	1546
BH2	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clifton Road, Runcorn	1598
BH3	Hill View Primary School, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1621
BH4	Beechwood Community Centre, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1291

BIRCHFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
BF1	Halton Farnworth Hornets, ARLFC, Wilmere Lane, Widnes	1073
BF2	Marquee Upton Tavern, Upton Lane, Widnes	3291
BF3	Mobile Polling Station, Queensbury Way, Widnes – **To be re-sited further up Queensbury Way	1659

BRIDGEWATER WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
BW1	Brook Chapel, Boston Avenue, Runcorn	1643
BW2	Wicksten Drive Christian Centre, Wicksten Drive, Runcorn	1505
BW3	The Partnership Centre, Old Police Station, Bridge Street, Runcorn	1032
BW4	Halton Brook Community Centre, Meadway, Runcorn	1389

CENTRAL & WEST BANK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
CB1	Legends Bar- Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	2123
CB2	Widnes Academy, Cholmondeley Street, Widnes	927
CB3	Halton & St Helens VCA, Lugsdale Road, Widnes	1030
CB4	Legends Bar – Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	407
CB4	Simms Cross Primary School, Kingsway, Widnes (Shared with Appleton Ward)	230

DARESBUY, MOORE & SANDYMOOR WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
DM1	Sandymoor Community Centre, Otterburn Street, off Pitts Heath Lane, Sandymoor, Runcorn	2444
DM2	Milner Institute, Runcorn Road, Moore, Runcorn	659
DM3	The Lewis Carroll Centre, All Saints Parish Church, Daresbury Lane, Daresbury, Runcorn	271

DITTON, HALE VILLAGE & HALEBANK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
DH1	Hale Village Hall, High Street, Hale	1528
DH2	Halebanks Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes	1370
DH3	Community Room, Ditton Library, Queens Avenue, Widnes	1004
DH4	St Michaels Parish Centre, St Michaels Road, Widnes	1266

FARNWORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
FW1	Lunts Heath Primary School, Wedgewood Drive, Widnes	2325
FW2	Farnworth CE Controlled Primary School, Pit Lane, Widnes	1537
FW3	Farnworth Methodist Church Hall, Derby Road, Widnes	922
FW4	Moorfield Primary School, School Way, Widnes (Shared with Halton View Ward)	1078

GRANGE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
GR1	Bertha's Room, St Edwards Parish Centre, Ivy Street, Runcorn	1290
GR2	Grangeway Community Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	1888
GR3	Halton Lodge Children's Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	2005
GR4	Halton Lodge Community Centre, Whitchurch Way, Runcorn	537

HALTON CASTLE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
HC1	The Brow Community Primary, School, The Clough, Runcorn	936
HC2	St Mary's Halton CE Aided Primary School, The Clough, Runcorn	970
HC3	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	700
HC4	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	1525
HC5	TBC	547
HC6	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	159

HALTON LEA WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
HL1	Hallwood Park Primary School. Hallwood Park Avenue, Runcorn	939
HL2	Palace Fields Community Centre, The Uplands, Runcorn	1632
HL3	Bethesda Church, Lapwing Grove, Runcorn	1070
HL4	Brookvale Community Centre, Old Northwich Road, Runcorn (Shared with Norton South & Preston Brook Ward)	1349

HALTON VIEW WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
HV1	Moorfield Primary School, School Way, Widnes (Shared with Farnworth Ward)	569
HV2	Mobile Polling Station, Weates Close, Widnes	1484
HV3	Crow Wood Pavillion, Crow Wood Park, Widnes	1479
HV4	St Ambrose Church Hall, Warrington Road, Widnes	1743

HIGHFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
HF1	Community Room, Naughton Fields, Liverpool Road, Widnes (Shared with Bankfield Ward)	884
HF2	Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes	721
HF3	Widnes Rugby Union Football Club, Heath Road, Widnes	742
HF4	Widnes Rugby Union Football Club, Heath Road, Widnes	951
HF5	The Frank Myler Pavillion, Liverpool Road, Widnes	894
HF6	6 th Form Building, St Peter & Paul Catholic High School, Highfield Road, Widnes	1019

HOUGH GREEN WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
HG1	All Saints CE Primary School, Hough Green Road, Widnes	2066
HG2	Upton Community Centre, Hough Green Road, Widnes	1603
HG3	Prescot Road Changing Rooms, Hough Green Road, Widnes	1801

MERSEY & WESTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
MW1	Runcorn Spiritualist Church, Ashridge Street, Runcorn	1366
MW2	Victoria Road Primary School, Victoria Road, Runcorn	679
MW3	Westfield Primary School, Clayton Crescent, Runcorn	961
MW4	Runcorn District Foodbank, formerly West Runcorn Youth Club, Russell Road, Runcorn	1025
MW5	Christ Church Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	686
MW6	Weston Primary School, Lamsickle Lane, Runcorn	875

NORTON NORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
NN1	Priory View Community House, 231-233 Lockgate West, Runcorn	777
NN2	Windmill Hill, Primary School, Windmill Hill, Runcorn	790
NN3	St Bertelines CE Primary School, Norton Lane, Runcorn	2595
NN4	Gorsewood Primary School, Gorsewood Road, Runcorn	1504

NORTON SOUTH & PRESTON BROOK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate
NS1	Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn	2264
NS2	Brookvale Community Centre, Old Northwich Road, Runcorn (Shared with Halton Lea Ward)	2007
NS3	Preston Brook Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	693

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 18 December 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

SUBJECT: Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP)
– Submission to the Secretary of State

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Approval is sought from Full Council to submit the draft Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) August 2019 to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government to allow formal examination of the draft DALP to commence.
- 1.2 The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) and Policies Map are supported by the following suite of documents. This set of documents will be submitted to Government for examination.

Document	Web link
Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (August 2019)	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/pdf/newdalp/DALPPropSub.pdf
Policies Map	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/pdf/newdalp/PropSubMap.pdf
Infrastructure Plan	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/pdf/InfrastructurePlan.pdf
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/sahra.aspx
Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/sahra.aspx
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/pdf/newdalp/assessments/hia.pdf
Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/pdf/newdalp/assessments/EQIAPropSub.pdf
Statement of Consultation	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/pdf/newdalp/dalpsoc19.pdf

- 1.3 Once the formal examination is complete, the Council may then choose to formally adopt the DALP, if it accepts any modifications that are recommended following the examination. If modifications are not acceptable, the Council

would need to produce a new plan and effectively start the plan production process again.

- 1.4 Once adopted by the Council, the DALP and Policies Map will form part of Halton statutory development plan for the Borough to the following effect:
- a) Replace the remaining saved policies of the Halton UDP (April 2005).
 - b) Replace the existing UDP Proposals Map (2005)
 - c) Update selected policies of the Core Strategy (April 2013).
 - d) Allocate land for residential, employment, retail, leisure and other uses.
 - e) Identify areas to be designated and protected for landscape, nature conservation, environmental and heritage reasons.
 - f) Provide policies to guide decision making in the development management (planning application) process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Proposed Submission Document (August 2019) is submitted to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (see section 3.8 – 3.11)**
- (2) Delegated authority to make minor editorial amendments to the DALP be granted to the Operational Director for Policy, Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Physical Environment (see section 3.12).**
- (3) Delegated authority is granted to officers (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Physical Environment) representing the Local Planning Authority at examination to enter into discussions with relevant parties, and to suggest appropriate wording and policies map changes, as may be required to satisfy the examining Inspector on matters concerning the soundness of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (see section 3.17).**
- (4) From the point of submission to Government, material weight is given to the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Proposed Submission Document (August 2019) as a material consideration in decisions made under the planning Acts. As the DALP represents an appropriate development strategy for the Borough and has undergone public consultation, the DALP is capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Public consultation has been an integral part of the DALPs formulation. The Council has listened to the feedback given from the public and stakeholders over the successive periods of consultation.

- 3.2 Previously, public consultation was undertaken on an earlier draft on the DALP during January – February 2018. Responses were received from 980 individuals and organisations including over 4,750 comments. Campaigns generated the majority of representations about proposed housing at Lynton Crescent, around Moore and Halebank. Subsequent changes to national guidance have allowed the Council to revisit the housing requirement and address, at least in part, many of these objections.
- 3.3 On 22nd March 2019, Executive Board approved a final 6 week period of public consultation on the DALP that was undertaken between August and September 2019.

Public Consultation: 8th August 2019 – 19th September 2019

- 3.4 Over 1,200 objections/comments were received from almost 250 individuals / organisations relating to the Plan, Policies Map and 7 supporting documents, 107 identified sites and 66 policies. All representations will be forwarded onto Secretary of State for consideration (unless they are withdrawn or amended). The Council is not required to respond individually to the representations made. A 'Statement of Representations' is appended to this report (**Appendix A**). This sets out a summary of representations received during the last consultation between August-September 2019.
- 3.5 As expected the greatest number of objections received were concerning Policy RD1 – Residential Development Allocations [362], followed by GB2 – Safeguarded Land [148] and ED1 – Employment Allocations [85] largely from residents of Moore concerning the proposed allocations to the rear of Manor Park.
- 3.6 Policy CS(R)6 - Green Belt received 62 objections whilst CS(R)17 – Liverpool John Lennon Airport received 57 objections mainly from residents of Speke and Hale objecting to the resignation of land from Green Belt for airport use.
- 3.7 Members should be aware that if they were minded to make any further changes to the Plan prior to submission, these would need to be subject to Sustainability Appraisal and would also have to be subject to a new 6 week period of public consultation before proceeding to submission.

Submission of the draft DALP to Government

- 3.8 In accordance with Section 20 (2) of the Planning Act 2004, the Council must only submit its draft Local Plan when it is ready for examination. This is to allow the public examination process to proceed smoothly, without being held up by a lack of information, or other unresolved matters that were known at the time of submission.
- 3.9 The draft DALP (Delivery and Allocations Local Plan) is considered by the Council to be in legal compliance and also “sound” (see section 3.15), with no outstanding pieces of evidence or information awaited which would have any bearing on the spatial planning strategy proposed through the document.

- 3.10 Having complied with the relevant regulations covering local plan preparation, the Council is in a position to submit to the draft local plan to the Secretary of State (under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning Act Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012).
- 3.11 Submission will follow the approval by Full Council as soon as is practically possible.
- 3.12 The Council is also able to submit further minor editorial changes to the Inspector, alongside the submitted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan and associated documentation. These minor changes are those of a nature which would further improve the legibility of the document or ensure it is up-to-date. They should not constitute changes which would require further consultation. Any such minor changes to the Halton Delivery and Allocation Local Plan will be submitted as a schedule attached to the submission document, should any be required. It is therefore proposed that the Operational Director for Planning, Policy and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Physical Environment be authorised to make such changes as may be necessary.

Examination of the draft DALP

- 3.13 The Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate to 'examine' the DALP. It is the role of the appointed Planning Inspector to consider the outstanding representations received, alongside their own assessment of the soundness of the Plan. The 'examination' covers the stages from Submission to receipt of the Inspector's Final Report. The Inspector is in charge of the examination and will be assisted by a dedicated Programme Officer who will be appointed by the Council.
- 3.14 In order for the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan to be legally compliant it must have been :
- prepared in accordance with the Halton Local Development Scheme and in compliance with the Halton Statement of Community Involvement and the relevant Regulations
 - been subject to Sustainability Appraisal
 - prepared with regard to National Policy
 - prepared with regard to the Halton Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 3.15 In order for the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan to be "Sound" it must be:
- **Justified** -
 - an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence,
 - **Effective** -
 - deliverable over the plan period,
 - based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters
 - **Consistent with National Policy**

- 3.16 The examination is largely a written process with the Inspector considering the evidence provided, and asking for additional written submissions where necessary. The Inspector will determine which matters he or she requires additional written information on, and which matters they wish to hear verbal submissions on at 'hearing sessions'. The Inspector will invite the Council together with selected interested parties to take part in hearing sessions to respond to questions posed by the Planning Inspector and allow the third parties an opportunity to ask questions of the Council. It is expected that the hearing sessions associated with the examination will last for no more than 3-4 weeks, with the Inspector usually sitting for three days each week to allow him/her to prepare accordingly.
- 3.17 During the examination, where disagreement arises between the Council and interested parties, the Inspector may direct discussions with a view to achieving resolution through wording changes in specific policies in the DALP. Delegated authority is sought to allow officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Physical Environment, to engage in such discussions with parties at the examination, in order to attempt to resolve matters of disagreement.
- 3.18 The Inspector will limit their involvement to making recommendations for modifications that address the soundness or legal compliance of the Plan. The Council can ask the Inspector to consider additional modifications that are considered necessary to improve the DALP. Any changes identified through the examination process required to make the Plan 'sound' or to otherwise improve the Plan that are considered to be substantial in nature (known as Main Modifications) will have to be subject to a further, separate round of public consultation. Separate approval of Full Council will be required for any such consultation.
- 3.19 If the suggested modifications are acceptable to the Council, and following the public consultation referenced above, the Council is then able to formally adopt the DALP as its statutory development plan for the Borough, giving it full weight in making decisions under the planning Acts, for example in the determination of planning applications.
- 3.20 Formal adoption of the DALP has the impact described in section 1.5 above.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Following formal adoption, the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan will be the main policy document comprising the Halton Local Plan, along with the retained policies from the adopted Core Strategy 2013. The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan is a significant corporate policy document and as such, it will have widespread policy implications for the Council and its partners. It is important that all efforts are made to ensure a successful outcome at the Delivery and Allocations examination because of the time and resources that have been invested in the plan's production to date.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Healthy Halton

The DALP document contains a wide variety of policy content focussed on addressing the Borough's health problems; efforts to address health problems through the maintenance of well-designed places and spaces, through the support of accessible sustainable travel options and through the provision of a healthy, green local environment.

5.2 Halton's Urban Renewal

Through the employment and housing allocations, Key Regeneration Areas and policies, the DALP highlights policy approaches to encourage, urban renewal, either on a local scale or on a larger scale in association with some of the major regeneration and development projects affecting the Borough over the plan period.

5.3 Children and Young People in Halton

A significant component of the content of the DALP document is aimed at raising aspirations of younger people and supporting the provision of opportunities for them to enter higher education and employment. The aim to safeguard and enhance learning opportunities through the protection and improvement of physical infrastructure associated with educational establishments, as well as supporting the plans and policies of the Council's learning partners.

5.4 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

The DALP supports the maintenance and enhancement of the Borough's economy and supports economic growth.

5.5 Safer Halton

Making Halton safer is a key consideration for the DALP Document aiming to ensure that Halton's communities, businesses and visitors enjoy access to a safe and sustainable physical environment with natural and man-made risks and hazards being minimised.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 It is possible for the soundness and legal compliance of the plan could be called into question by the Inspector during the examination process. Normally in these instances, the Inspector will call a "Pre Examination Meeting" before the examination to highlight their concerns and explore/decide if whether any issues can be easily resolved through the provision of additional information.

6.2 After the examination, the Inspector will issue a report covering their recommendations and opinion as to whether the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan is sound. There is the risk that the Inspector may find the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan to be unsound, and not capable of being found sound without widespread changes. If widespread changes are deemed necessary to improve the plan, the Planning Inspector may recommend that

the plan be withdrawn to allow the Council to make amendments and for further public consultation to be undertaken on the policy areas requiring amendment.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 An integral part of the DALP document is to support a socially inclusive environment that takes into account Halton's diverse communities by breaking down unnecessary barriers and exclusions in a manner that benefits the entire Borough. The Equalities Impact Assessment demonstrates whether the policies have any significant implications for Halton's communities and ways that these potential effects should be mitigated.

8.0 REASON(S) FOR DECISION

8.1 The next stage in the production of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan is for the document to be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. Full Council approval is sought to proceed to the examination stage for the draft DALP.

9.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9.1 No alternative options have been considered at this stage. Submitting the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan for examination is the next step in the process of the Local Plan production and is in accordance with the associated legal regulations covering the production of Development Plan Documents.

10.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

10.1 It is envisaged that the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State as soon as is practicably possible following approval by Full Council, with the examination phase commencing in Spring 2020, to be followed by adoption of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan in winter 2020/2021. After its adoption the Delivery and Allocations Plan and saved policies from the Core Strategy 2013 will then be used for development management purposes in the determination of planning applications and to direct development to the most appropriate locations in accordance with the adopted spatial strategy for the Borough.

11.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Proposed Submission Documents (August 2019)	Municipal Building, Widnes www.halton.gov.uk/DALP	Alasdair Cross
https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/planningandenvironment.aspx		
Copies of representations received on the Halton DALP Proposed Submission Document (August 2019 – September 2019)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
Summary of key issues from the DALP Proposed Submission Consultation (Sept 2019)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
Saved Policies of the Halton Unitary Development Plan	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
Halton UDP Proposals Map	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
Halton Local Development Scheme	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
National Planning Policy Framework (2019)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross
Halton Core Strategy Local Plan (2013)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Alasdair Cross

APPENDIX A

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS

Received at Proposed Submission Draft consultation (ending 19th September 2019)

This 'Statement of Representations' sets out the number of comments, objections, and supportive representations received on each local plan policy (or supporting document) together with a summary of the main points raised during the last consultation between August-September 2019.

	Comment	Object	Support	Summary of key issues
DALP Introductory sections	2	6	2	<p>The Vision had not been adapted from that set out within the adopted Core Strategy. The Vision as drafted fails to recognise that (a) the emerging Plan period will extend 9 years beyond that of the adopted Core Strategy, and (b) that the level of growth now planned for (and its distribution) is different.</p> <p>The vision for Halton should include reference to the historic environment.</p> <p>Please remove hyphen from Trans Pennine Trail</p> <p>Concerns over the deletion of policy CS2</p>
Policy: CSR1 Spatial Strategy	2	24	6	<p>Spatial Strategy is not aspirational.</p> <p>The Spatial Strategy should use the existing evidence base and increase the number of dwellings and employment over the plan period.</p> <p>Development located in the Key Urban Regeneration Areas of Hale and Ditton Corridor and North Widnes and East Runcorn have the potential to give rise to traffic impacts at the SRN due to the close proximity of these locations.</p> <p>Support for the Key Areas of Regeneration</p> <p>Agreement that not all future development can be delivered on Brownfield Land.</p>
Policy: CS2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: CSR3 Housing Supply	1	65	9	<p>Aim for development on Brownfield land at 60%</p> <p>350 dpa is higher than the standard housing methodology needs to be lowered to 285.</p> <p>Housing figure of 350 dpa too low needs to be derived from the housing needs assessment and either 466 or the higher 565 figure.</p>

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				Clear confirmation required that you are intending to meet all housing needs arising in Halton over the plan period and how it's derived.
<u>Policy: CSR4</u> Employment Land Supply	1	8	6	The employment figure of 180ha needs to be justified. Amend policy wording for Natural England to take into account the potential impacts on designated sites. Employment figure should be increased. Welcomed reduction in employment land at Moore. Why aren't other areas within the LCR looked at for delivering more employment land?
<u>Policy: CSR5</u> Network of [Retail] Centres	1	1	1	Town centre allocations, i.e. residential allocations etc. are not shown on the inserts for the Town Centres.
<u>Policy: CSR6</u> Green Belt	1	62	9	Lack of exceptional circumstances for removal of Greenbelt. Need to retain the Greenbelt to stop urban sprawl. Removal of GB Temp Loss of Greenbelt around Moore. Impact of Peel's Port Warrington on the Greenbelt/Moore. Loss of Daresbury in the Greenbelt. Support for the exceptional circumstances justifying the release of Greenbelt. Removal of Greenbelt in the vicinity of LJLA. No justification for removal of Greenbelt in Runcorn.
<u>Policy: CSR7</u> Infrastructure Provision	4	5	2	The policy should recognise International and Nationally or local sites and wording should suggest providing infrastructure to enhance water quality, existing habitats and creation of new habitats. It is important that infrastructure is provided within the Borough to accommodate the impacts of development at both an individual and cumulative level. CIL and pooling of limited contributions. 'Flood defence infrastructure' to be inserted thereby highlighting the importance of this key infrastructure which protects lives. Current lack of social infrastructure, i.e. schools, health care etc. EATC Applicants should be required to prepare an infrastructure phasing and delivery strategy where sites are to be built out will be delivered by different developers or in separate phases.

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Policy: CS9 South Widnes KAoC	1	1	0	Wording in Policies CS9 and CS10 are amended so that the development principles seek to deliver environmental enhancement (and/or net gain) wherever possible and that development proposals will be subject to a HRA at the project level to ensure that impacts are assessed and that a conclusion of no adverse effect on site integrity for Mersey Estuary SPA/Ramsar.
Policy: CS10 West Runcorn KAoC	1	1	0	Amend so that the development principles seek to deliver environmental enhancement.
Policy: CS11 East Runcorn KAoC	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: CSR12 Housing Mix	2	11	3	Mix of housing will need to have regard to site specific viability considerations. Requirements for Lifetime homes can impact on viability. References to families with access needs. Policy needs to reference changing markets.
Policy: CSR13 Affordable and Starter Homes	1	17	0	Requesting clarity over which % of affordable housing is required for each of the rates. Uneven balance of affordable housing requirements. Clarity over the 10% affordable home ownership. Lack of evidence for affordable housing requirement.
Policy: CSR14 Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation	0	3	1	Weight to the historic environment needs to be noted.
Policy: CSR15 Sustainable Transport	2	4	0	Horse riding should be referenced in policy CSR15 Travel Plans
Policy: CS16 Mersey Gateway Project	1	1	0	Wording in this policy should be amended to ensure 'no net loss in supporting habitat for the Mersey Estuary SPA and Ramsar'.
Policy: CSR17 Liverpool John Lennon Airport	1	57	0	Removal of Greenbelt / Loss of agricultural land Dungeon Lane Closing and Reopening of Baileys Lane TRO Loss of wildlife Air Quality/ Noise Lack of information on EATC proposals submitted by Liverpool City Council, Peel and LJLA

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Policy: CSR18 High Quality Design	1	2	3	Design policy is too aspirational. Design of new development should face watercourses.
Policy: CSR19 Sustainable Development and Climate Change	0	8	2	The only additional technical requirements exceeding the minimum standards required by Building Regulations that can be sought are the optional technical standards as detailed in the PPG. Strengthen BREEAM requirement from encourage to require.
Policy: CSR20 Natural and Historic Environment	0	8	1	Lack of Consideration for the Daresbury Conservation Area Wording changes in order to meet the requirements as set out in the PPG guidance with reference to non-designated heritage assets.
Policy: CSR21 Green Infrastructure	0	6	5	Support for Green Infrastructure Recreational Pressures Evidence base in relation to open space is out of date
Policy: CSR22 Health & Wellbeing	0	1	0	Natural and semi-natural spaces contribute to a healthy population and could be included for a health and well-being policy.
Policy: CS23 Pollution and Risk	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: CS24 Waste	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: CSR25 Minerals	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: CSN26 Unallocated Land in Urban Areas	0	0	1	The policy allows for existing uses to continue and any redevelopment of such sites to be subject to other policies within the Development Plan
Policy: ED1 Employment Allocations	0	85	14	Employment Renewal Areas, which should be counted towards the total needed. Impacts on the Strategic Route Network. Employment allocations around Moore ecological network conflict.
Policy: ED2 Employment Development	1	5	0	It is not reasonable to require that extensions to existing properties are served by public transport and provide pedestrian and cycle links to adjacent residential areas. Omits any reference to protecting wildlife sites.
Policy: ED3 Complementary Services within Emp Areas	0	0	2	No comments.

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Policy: RD1 Residential Development Allocations	9	362	23	<p>Several allocations are cited as being former schools or colleges with associated playing field. As there is no up to date Playing Pitch Strategy in place there is currently no clear evidence that these sites are surplus to requirement for community sport.</p> <p>Objections to sites: D1, M8, R1, R17, R20, R22, R25, R26, R28, R30, R32, R33, R35, R36, R37, R38, R35, R67, R40, R41, R46, R49, R5, R50, R52, R60, R69, R7, R70, R71, R72, R73, R74, R77, R78, R79, R8, R80, R83, W10, W11, W17, W24, W28, W34, W4, W40, W43, W45, W47, W49, W5, W50, W9.</p> <p>Support for sites: H1, P1, P2, R29, R30, R31, R37, R38, R39, R67, R49, R50, R79, W11, W49</p>
Policy: RD2 Gypsy and Traveller Allocations	0	5	0	<p>GT1 - Our client objected to the application for the Travellers site on the adjacent land which has recently been developed, and forms part of the allocation.</p> <p>Concerns over some parts of the GT allocated falling within FZ2 or FZ3.</p>
Policy: RD3 Dwelling Alterations and Extensions	0	1	0	<p>For any dwelling alterations, extensions, conversions and replacement dwellings may be subject to the requirements to undertake a site specific Flood Risk Assessment during the planning process.</p>
Policy: RD4 Greenspace Provision	1	9	0	<p>Concerns over all residential developments of 10 or more dwellings which "increase the demand" for greenspace will be expected to make an appropriate contribution towards meeting this additional demand (on or off-site).</p> <p>Local standards are not appropriate for outdoor sports because they do not and cannot take into account sports catchment areas or the variable units of demand for individual pitch/court types. For example, the unit of demand for a court/pitch ranges from two people if a tennis court to 30 people if a full sized adult rugby pitch.</p> <p>It is not clear whether the delivery of this quantum of open space is compatible with the notional capacities identified on the allocated sites, or whether it has been fully factored in to the Council's viability assessment.</p>
Policy: RD5 Primarily Residential Areas	1	1	0	<p>Village settlement boundaries for areas such as Daresbury/ Moore and washed over with Greenbelt.</p>
Policy: RD6 Custom & Self Build Housing	1	13	0	<p>Evidence base that has been used to derive the requirements set out under this Policy the Policy seems to be based on the findings of the Mid-Mersey Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA, 2016), and the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Market Assessment (SHELMA, 2017). Accordingly, there is nothing to suggest that this Policy has been prepared in line with guidance.</p>

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				A robust evidence base setting out the demand within Halton is required.
<u>Policy: C1</u> Transport Network & Accessibility	2	9	3	<p>Summary of key issues</p> <p>Insufficient documentation relating to a transport evidence base has been produced to unpin the Local Plan and the documentation does not contain an assessment of the baseline performance and likely traffic impacts of the proposed development site allocations at the Strategic Road Network. The Local Plan should set how a Major Road Network is likely to impact the Borough and their approach with regards to the management of a Major Road Network with Highways England and the wider Liverpool City Region. Reference should also be made to the Liverpool City Region Key Route Network. There is limited detail regarding the assessment of development proposals at an individual and cumulative level and required infrastructure to deliver growth in the Borough up to 2037.</p> <p>Reference should be made to the Liverpool City Region Key Route Network and the potential interaction with the proposed development site allocations within the Borough. The Local Plan should set how a Major Road Network is likely to impact the Borough and their approach with regards to the management of a Major Road Network with Highways England and the wider Liverpool City Region.</p> <p>Lack of reference to Waterways within the policy.</p> <p>Failure to support the EATC for freight and logistics.</p> <p>Support for the reopening of Ditton Station.</p>
<u>Policy: C2</u> Parking Standards	1	5	1	<p>Concerns over how a car club can be delivered, and the variance of +/- 10% car parking standards which will be assessed on a case by case basis, however this was seen as a concern by one developer yet supported fully by numerous developers.</p> <p>Cycle storage provision is too descriptive.</p> <p>Inclusion of electric car charging points and disable parking standards is welcomed. However, it was raised that there is lack of clarity in how this will be achieved i.e., how many car charging points will be required and it be built into the viability study.</p>
<u>Policy: C3</u> Telecommunications Infrastructure	1	1	0	There is no evidence to require the developer to provide the necessary infrastructure as part of new development.
<u>Policy: C4</u>	1	1	0	LJLAL are concerned that the draft Policy does not present the most appropriate strategy and would ultimately be ineffective LJLAL welcomes the Policy's reference to the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) It is requested that Part 3 of the Policy be improved so that all airport

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Operation of Liverpool John Lennon Airport				<p>safety issues are supported by the Council, rather than 'where appropriate', as is currently drafted.</p> <p>Airport parking the Policy would be more effective if the word 'generally' was removed.</p> <p>10.35 to be altered to list the types of development which could potentially effect aviation such as but are not limited to Wind Turbines, Solar PV, Lighting and Crane Operations. Mobile phone mast extensions which fall under General Permitted Development are notified to Liverpool Airport as per Appendix A of 'Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England.'</p>
<u>Policy: HC1</u> Vital and Viable Centres	1	0	0	No comments.
<u>Policy: HC2</u> Retail and TC Allocations	0	2	2	No robust assessment of the historic environment.
<u>Policy: HC3</u> Primarily Shopping Area	0	0	0	No comments.
<u>Policy: HC4</u> Shopfronts, Signage and Advertising	1	1	1	<p>Signage and Advertising are the same thing.</p> <p>Conflict with needs to be replaced with "planning applications affecting a heritage asset should not harm its significance.</p>
<u>Policy: HC5</u> Community Facilities and Infrastructure	3	3	1	<p>The inclusion of "or the use has already ceased" within part b is considered to be unnecessary and risks undermining the rest of the policy.</p> <p>Lack of schools.</p>
<u>Policy: HC7</u> Visitor Attractions	1	1	1	Add 'The Bridgewater Canal' to the list of visitor attractions at Appendix F of the DALP and identify on the Proposals Map
<u>Policy: HC8</u> Food and Drink	1	1	1	No comments.
<u>Policy: HC9</u> Mixed Use Areas	1	12	2	<p>Mixed use sites are vague on what they should deliver.</p> <p>Lacking robust assessment of the historic environment.</p> <p>Mersey Edge</p> <p>HSE Concerns over some allocations.</p>
<u>Policy: HC10</u> Education	2	3	1	<p>Homes England wish to have an amendment to the policy to state that alternative uses of the sites within the plan period will be acceptable.</p> <p>No mention of secondary school provision.</p>

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<u>Policy: HE1</u> Natural Environment & Nature Conservation	0	7	3	<p>The spatial data relating to Sites of Local Importance (LWS) is over 10 years out of date.</p> <p>No policy incentive to restore/enhance habitats to help the recovery of priority species or secure net gains for biodiversity.</p> <p>'Nature Improvement Area' (referred to in HE1) covers a significant amount of land within the Halton urban area, including land which is allocated for development.</p> <p>Natural Environment and Nature Conservation needs to reflect an on-going commitment to a Liverpool City Region approach to managing visitor pressure on internationally important sites across the City Region</p>
<u>Policy: HE2</u> Heritage Assets and Historic Environment	1	1	0	<p>The use of the word 'must' should be changed to 'should' throughout the policy</p>
<u>Policy: HE3</u> Waterways and Waterfronts	1	1	0	<p>The policy should go further by requiring appropriate contributions from developments in the vicinity that could put greater recreational pressure on the Canal.</p>
<u>Policy: HE4</u> Green Infrastructure	1	9	5	<p>Concerns over the robustness of the evidence base upon which the Council is relying to justify its policy position.</p> <p>Conflict with employment allocations.</p> <p>It is not clear how development is expected to "address climate change"</p> <p>The Policy as drafted appears to contradict Policy CS(R) 21 which seeks to resist the loss of green infrastructure where there is an identified deficiency in provision</p>
<u>Policy: HE5</u> Trees and Landscaping	1	2	0	<p>It is unclear how the Council considers conserving and where appropriate enhancing the character and quality of local landscape.</p>
<u>Policy: HE6</u> Greenspace & Sports Provision	1	4	6	<p>Surplus to requirement should be assessed against current supply/and demand for each pitch sport type and not by a purely quantitative standard</p> <p>The evidence base in relation to open space does not support the areas of Greenspace shown on the proposals map, and in any event is significantly out-of-date.</p> <p>HE6 does not leave sufficient scope, or give sufficient weight to, the need for mixed-use development including housing in and around sites allocated for Green space and Outdoor Sports Provision so as to sustain such facilities and services</p>
<u>Policy: HE7</u>	0	1	1	<p>The policy needs to include wording on in-combination impacts on national and international designated sites.</p>

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Pollution and Nuisance				
<u>Policy: HE8</u> Land Contamination	0	1	1	No comments.
<u>Policy: HE9</u> Water Management and Flood Risk	0	3	0	<p>Concerns regarding Part 17 of the Policy which states that "new development will need to ensure there is adequate water supply, surface water, foul drainage and sewerage or waste water treatment capacity to serve the development neither the policy or explanatory text provides a definition as to what quantifies as an adequate water supply.</p> <p>FRAs should take account of wave and storm adjustments</p> <p>Developers will be required to produce drainage strategies for each phase of development in agreement with the Council, Lead Local Flood Authority, United Utilities and the Environment Agency. For any development proposal which is part of a wider development site, it will be necessary to ensure the foul and surface water drainage proposals are part of a wider, holistic strategy which coordinates the approach to drainage between phases, between developers, and over a number of years of construction.</p> <p>Any development proposal should ensure unfettered rights to discharge between the various development parcels and demonstrate how the site delivers sustainable drainage as part of interconnecting phases. It will be necessary to ensure drainage infrastructure is delivered in a holistic and co-ordinated manner as part of an overall strategy between phases of development and between developers. Ground Water Protection Zones (GWPZs) United Utilities welcomes</p> <p>The policy does not make reference to the areas in Halton identified by the Environment Agency (EA) as Source Protection Zones (SPZs). It is felt that there is an opportunity to highlight the location of such SPZs within the Local Plan.</p>
<u>Policy: HE10</u> Minerals Safeguarding Areas	1	0	1	No comments.
<u>Policy: HE11</u> Minerals	1	1	1	Such proposals have the potential to affect the historic environment.
<u>Policy: GR1</u> Design and Development	1	4	0	<p>Flexibility required on a site by site basis.</p> <p>Need references to Active Design Guide (Sport England)</p>
<u>Policy: GR2</u> Amenity	2	3	1	UU request that reference to consulting them in inserted into the policy.

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				Concerns over – “preclude the development of adjoining land with longer-term potential”.
Policy: GR3 Boundary Fences and Walls	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: GR4 Temporary Buildings	1	0	0	No comments.
Policy: GR5 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	1	2	0	The retrofitting of renewable energy outlined in bullet 5 has the potential to impact on the significance of heritage assets. There must be a positive policy approach which makes is clear that planning applications will be considered favourably, particularly in the absence of site allocations.
Policy: GB1 Control of Development in the Green Belt	1	0	1	No comments.
Policy: GB2 Safeguarded Land	2	148	2	No justification for quantum of safeguarded land, or what purpose it is for. Loss of grade 1 agricultural land. Concerns over Daresbury Village and the impact of safeguarded land on the historic environment.
HIA Health Impact Assessment	0	6	0	The John Lennon Airport master will seriously impact residents due to a mass increase in air pollution and noise.
HRA Habitats Regulations Assessment	0	3	0	Further explanation is also required in order to demonstrate how the mitigation measure for recreational pressure through the Visitor Management Strategy will be addressed through the plan. The list of qualifying SPA features is incorrect in Appendix B, Redshank is now treated as a 'non-breeding feature' of the Mersey Estuary SPA despite previously being described as separate 'wintering and passage' features - please refer to the Mersey Estuary SPA Conservation Advice for the full list of features. Loss of Functionally Linked Land (FLL) It is unclear whether a thorough assessment of the allocations and policies has been undertaken and we recommend further engagement with Natural England on the HRA to ensure adequate assessment. We advise the wording in Policy CS7 should be strengthened to ensure appropriate measures are in place to mitigate potential impacts to

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				water quality at the plan level. We advise the inclusion of green infrastructure approaches such as the inclusion of SuDS and reference to other relevant policies i.e. Policy CS21 Green Infrastructure should be made. We strongly advise consultation with United Utilities is carried out as soon as possible to inform and strengthen the policy.
IDP Infrastructure Development Plan	1	1	0	There is limited detail regarding the assessment of development proposals and required infrastructure to deliver growth in the Borough up to 2037. The IP does not comprehensively provide detail of how all the infrastructure schemes would be funded, providing some uncertainty around deliverability. It is also stated that a further piece of work is required to divide up the contributions for external Highways and Transport improvements which have not been funded.
Policies Map	0	2	0	Overlaying of the previous legend from the Publication Version of the DALP in relation to CSR17.
SA Sustainability Appraisal	0	21	0	English Heritage disagree with the SA score (0) that the Policy will have no or negligible effect on the SA objective on Cultural Heritage and Landscape.
SCI Statement of Community Involvement	0	5	0	Issues raised over the closure of Baileys Lane.
SFRA Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	0	1	0	There appears to be a number of proposed allocations located within FZ2 and 3 not supported by a level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).
SoCG Statement of Common Ground	1	0	0	Warrington and Halton to enter into an agreement on strategic issues.

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