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Statement of Consultation

**North Huyton Action Area
Supplementary Planning Document**

February 2007

1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004 (Regulation 17) state that before a Local Planning Authority adopt an SPD they must:
- (b) prepare a statement setting out-
- i) the names of any persons whom the authority consulted in connection with the preparation of the SPD,
 - ii) how the persons were consulted,
 - iii) a summary of the main issues raised in these consultations,
 - iv) how these have be addressed in the SPD.
- 1.2 The regulations also set out minimum requirements for supplementary planning document consultation; these are set out in the Government's Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12), as follows:
- the consultation arrangements will be set out in the local planning authority's statement of community involvement (SCI) but as a minimum the authority should:
 - make the supplementary planning document available for inspection at their principle office and other public places, together with any supporting documents which will help people to understand what they are being asked to comment on;
 - place the same documents on their website;
 - send a copy to the Government Office if the Government Office has asked to see it;
 - send a copy to any other bodies referred to in Regulation 17 (3), and
 - advertise in a local newspaper when and where the documents can be inspected, and,
 - ensure that adequate publicity is given to the documents.
- 1.3 At the time of the consultation on the SPD Knowsley's SCI was still in preparation; however, the consultation carried out for the North Huyton Action Area SPD exceeds the minimum requirements set out above.

2. The Consultation Process

2.1 The first stages of public consultation on the proposed content of the Supplementary Planning Document for North Huyton Action Area (the SPD) have been through the preparation of the replacement Knowsley . Both the first draft replacement (September 2003) and the revised Plan (December 2004) identified North Huyton as an Action Area. Policy H6 of the revised draft Plan together with its explanatory paragraphs set out detailed Action Area proposals and the revised draft Proposals Map specified the boundary for the for the Action Area. There were no objections relating to the Action Area status of North Huyton brought to the public inquiry into the revised draft , which was held between October 2005 and January 2006.

2.2 The SPD is the first of such documents to be produced and given effect by the provisions of Policy H3 of the Knowsley Replacement, which was adopted in June 2006. Policy H3 in summary states that North Huyton will be subject to comprehensive redevelopment and regeneration including: the clearance of up to 1,200 dwellings and their replacement by up to 1,450 new dwellings; provision of new schools, employment, education and training opportunities, together with improvements to open space, leisure, community and retail facilities.

2.3 The preparation of the SPD has also been informed by North Huyton New Deal for Community Outline Plan from which a masterplan for redevelopment of significant areas of the North Huyton Action Area has been derived. This masterplan was approved by Knowsley MBC in December 2005, having previously been made subject widespread and detailed public consultation processes within the North Huyton area.

Public consultation on the draft SPD

2.4 Public consultation on the draft SPD took place between 31st July and 31st August 2006; the formal Notice of this consultation is reproduced in Appendix 1: Statement of SPD Matters.

2.5 Further to this consultation the relevant documents, that is, the draft SPD and its Sustainability Appraisal, were placed on the Council's website and were made available for inspection at the Council's main office at Huyton town centre, at the River Alt Resource Centre, Woolfall Heath Avenue which is a central location within the North Huyton Action Area, and, Page Moss Library, Stockbridge Lane, Huyton which serves the population of the North Huyton area.

2.6 In accordance with guidance relating to public consultation contained in PPS12 all relevant organisations were advised by letter, including the appropriate link to the Knowsley MBC Planning website, of the commencement of the period of consultation; copies of the draft SPD were also submitted to the Government Office for the North West. The full list of those included in this aspect of the consultation is shown as Appendix 2.

2.7 In addition those consultees listed in Appendix 2 the North Huyton Liaison Group, (formerly the "New Horizons" group), which comprises a broadly-based neighbourhood grouping of approximately thirty local representatives in North Huyton, were all advised by letter of the consultation on the draft SPD. Members of the North Huyton Liaison Group

remain closely engaged with the wider regeneration processes in North Huyton even though there were no formal responses to the consultation from them.

2.8 Appendix 3 lists in summary the comments received as a result of the public consultation and section 4, below, touches on the main issues raised by these comments. Proposals for amending the draft SPD resulting from the public consultation were reported the Knowsley MBC Cabinet meeting on 18th October 2006 and in authorising such changes, at this meeting it was also resolved that the Council is minded to adopt the SPD, subject to final reconciliation of any outstanding matters.

Appropriate Assessment

2.9 The Conservation (Natural Habitats, & (Amendment))(England and Wales) Regulations 2006 were subject to a consultation exercise by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in the course of summer 2006. The effect of these proposed Regulations would be to transpose into domestic law, the EU requirements for the protection of the natural environment and habitats and they resulted from an European Court ruling that the UK had failed to fully implement an EU Directive.

2.10 The sites that may be affected by these Regulations are defined in Article 3 of the Habitats Directive. The area covered by the North Huyton Action Area SPD contains no such sites and it was understood that the Regulations would not have a bearing on the procedures which had to be undertaken with regard to this SPD. However, it was deemed prudent that the Council should undertake the first stage of an Appropriate Assessment of the SPD and consulted *Natural England* (the statutory consultee for these matters) on the Screening Opinion it had formulated for this purpose.

2.11 On 19th January 2007 the Council received written advice from *Natural England* and this confirmed that no additional stages of Appropriate Assessment of the SPD were necessary. The text of the *Natural England* letter is shown as Appendix 4.

3. Sustainability Appraisal

3.1 Parallel to the consultation on the draft SPD consultation was also undertaken on the Sustainability Appraisal of the SPD; this followed consultation on a Scoping Report which had been submitted to the four statutory consultees, ie English Nature, English Heritage, the Countryside Agency, and, the Environment Agency.

3.2 The Sustainability Appraisal of the draft SPD has been carried out in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and using the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) guidance: *“Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents”* (November 2005).

3.3 No matters of significance was raised by the consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal, apart from the need to reconcile those matters relating to “Appropriate Assessment” referred to in paragraphs 2.9 and 2.10, above. The Sustainability Appraisal report is also available on the Knowsley MBC website.

4. Summary of the main issues raised

4.1 Appendix 3 comprises a schedule setting out a summary of the representations resulting from the public consultation, together with recommendations for amending the SPD. As touched upon in paragraph 2.1, above. The relatively modest number and scope of the representations received can be explained by the fact that there was wide publicity given to the North Huyton Action Area proposals during the replacement Unitary Development Plan processes over a period of more than two years prior to drafting the SPD and nothing in the draft SPD conflicts with these proposals.

4.2 The changes to the SPD set out in Appendix 3 have been incorporated into a final version of the document which is available on the Knowsley MBC website.

Outline summary of representations received

4.3 Government Office for the North West (GONW) advised that they “found the document to be informative, well-structured and clearly demonstrating the Council’s commitment to ensuring the regeneration of the area”. In an annex to their letter GONW set out a number of comments which have resulted in minor amendments being made to the SPD and have the effect of clarifying the SPD’s relationship to the adopted UDP, the Local Development Framework (LDF) processes and other national policy advice.

4.4 Environment Agency have made particular reference to the need for flood risk assessments that are likely to be required in the course of development in North Huyton and also advocate incorporation of sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDs) where feasible. Additional comments include reference to proposals which will have the effect of enhancing the River Alt corridor and habitat protection relating to this.

4.5 Merseytravel have made a number of comments, many of which have either been addressed adequately in the SPD, are covered in policies in the replacement Knowsley , or, will be subject to the provisions of the Merseyside SPD on Transport. The Merseytravel comments are nonetheless welcome with the emphasis they give to the need to provide for improved public transport in the North Huyton Action Area.

4.4 Comments from Knowsley’s Director of Public Health place an important emphasis on the commitment by the Primary Care Trust of an investment of more than £4m for health care facilities serving the North Huyton area. Additional comments from the Highways Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, Liverpool City Council, and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service do not raise significant issues but have been deemed helpful points of clarification in finalising the SPD.

4.5 The above comments have been taken into account in drafting the revised document and have now been incorporated into the SPD, as reported to Cabinet in October 2006. A small number of consultees responded to the effect that they do not wish to make any representations or comments on the SPD.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Statement of SPD Matters

The public notice, comprising the Statement of SPD Matters, is reproduced below. This notice was posted on the Council's website and appeared in the Liverpool Daily Post newspaper on Monday 31st July 2006 and indicates that the consultation on the draft SPD ran from that date until 31st August, ie one calendar month and one day in accordance with Regulation 18 (3).

**Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Planning And Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
Public Consultation on the Draft North Huyton
Action Area Supplementary Planning
Document**

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Local Development Scheme and the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan: June 2006 (the "RUDP") a Supplementary Planning Document for the North Huyton Action Area has been prepared to guide future development proposals for the North Huyton Action Area as defined in the RUDP (but which includes the estates of Hillside, Woolfall Heath, Finch House & Fincham).

In accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 before adopting this Supplementary Planning Document there is an opportunity for members of public to make representations on the proposals and any such representations made as a result of this consultation will be considered by the Council.

Copies of the Supplementary Planning Document, together with its Sustainability Appraisal report are available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) at the Council's offices at: Huyton One-Stop-Shop, Municipal Buildings, Huyton; The River Alt Resource Centre, Woolfall Heath Avenue, Huyton; Page Moss Library, Stockbridge Lane, Huyton.

The documents may also be viewed on the Council's website at <http://planning.knowsley.gov.uk> and in addition further information is available from the Council's Forward Planning Team. Tel: 0151 443 2302.

Any representations on the Supplementary Planning Document should be made in writing, to be received by the Council by 5:00pm on Thursday 31st August 2006, addressed to: The Strategic Planning Manager, Department of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, PO Box 26, Archway Road, Huyton, Knowsley, Merseyside L36 9FB. Fax: 0151 443 2370. Email: planning@knowsley.gov.uk

Any person making a representation may request that notice of adoption of the Supplementary Planning Document be sent to them at a specified address

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Appendix 2

List of Consultees: below is the list of all who were notified of the consultation on the SPD, in accordance with Regulation 17(b).

Res No	Title	First Name	Last Name	Organization Name	Address	Address	Address	Address	City	Postal Code
1	Ms	Claire	Eastham	Spawforth Associates	Junction 41	Business Court	East Ardsley	Leeds	West Yorkshire	WF3 2AB
2	Ms	Diane	Kisiel	Highways Agency	Network Strategy North West	Room 810	City Tower		Manchester	M1 4BE
3	Mrs	Laura	Roff	Stewart Roff Associates	8 Westville Avenue	Ilkey			West Yorkshire	LS29 9AH
4	Mr	Jonathan	Parsons	JMP Consulting	Blackfriars House	Parsonage			Manchester	M3 2JA
5	Mrs	L	Scott	Eccleston Parish Council	416 Newton Road	Lowton			Warrington	WA3 1JE
6	Ms	Annette	Elliott	United Co-Operatives Ltd	Wood House	Etruria Road	Hanley	Stoke on Trent		ST1 5NW
7	Ms	Emma	Singleton	HOW Planning Ltd	40 Peter Street				Manchester	M2 5GP
8	Mr	R.W	Fearnall	Stutt & Parker	19 Grosvenor Street				Chester	CH1 2DD
9	Ms	Rachael	Patterson	Devplan UK	13 South Clifton Street	Lytham			Lancs	FY8 5HN

10	Mr	Warren	Marshall	Bellway Homes	Planning and Development Division	2 Alderman Road	Hunts Cross		Liverpool	L24 9LR
11	Mr	Andrew	Bower	npower renewables	14b Redwell Court	Harmise Enterprise Park	Barnard Castle		Co.Durham	DL12 8BN
12	Ms	Abigail	Dodds	The British Wind Energy Association	Renewable Energy House	1 Aztec Row	Berners Road		London	N1 0PW
13	Mr	Robert	Taylor	Plot of Gold Ltd	Priory Park	Bunkers Hill	The Great North Road	Aberford	West Yorkshire	LS25 3DF
14	Mr	Paul	Stock	North Country Home Group Ltd	North Country House	Barlborough			Chesterfield	S43 4WP
15	Mrs	V.E	Midgley	The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain	11 St Mary's Place				Bury	BL9 0DZ
16				CABE	1 Kemble Street				London	WC2B 4AN
17	Mr	Leon	Armstrong	Bidwells Carpenter Planning	40 Princess Street				Manchester	M1 6DE
18	Ms	Katy	Lightbody	Development Planning Partnership	40 Barton Arcade				Manchester	M3 2BH
19	Mr	John	Ryan	Merseyside No.1 circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses	Circuit Planning Representative	Waters Edge	Kewaigue	Douglas	Isle of Man	IM4 1AF
20	Mr	Thomas	Duncan	White Young Green Planning	Regatta House	Clippers Quay	Salford Quays		Manchester	M50 3XP
21	Mr	Stephen	Hedley	Natural England	Regional Advocacy and Partnerships Team	Planning and Advocacy	3rd Floor, Bridgewater House	Whitworth Street	Manchester	M1 6LT

22	Ms	Jill	Stephenson	Network Rail	Level 3,	Arena Point	1 Hunts Bank		Manchester	M3 1RT
23	Mr	Chris	Pritchard	The Planning Inspectorate	Room 406, Kite Wing	2 The Square, Temple Quay	Bristol			BS1 6PN
24	Ms	Cheryl	Joyce	Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)	Derby Wing	Worden Hall, Worden Park		Leyland	Lancashire	PR5 2DJ
25				Department of Education and Science, c/o GONW	Cunard Buildings	Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB
26				Department of Employment, c/o GONW	Cunard Building	Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB
27	Ms	Dianne	Wheatley	Government Office for the North West	Cunard Building	Pier Head, Water Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB
29	Mr	Ian	Wray	NorthWest Development Agency	Renaissance House	PO Box 37	Centre Park	Warrington	Cheshire	WA1 1XB
30	Ms	Marie	Bintley	English Partnerships	Arpley House	110 Birchwood Boulevard	Birchwood		Warrington	WA3 7QH
31				Home Builders Federation	Regional Planner	1 Brooklands Court	Tunstall Road		Leeds	LS11 5HL
32	Mr	John	Shooter	Merseyside Fire and Civil Defence	Fire Safety Co-ordinator	Eastern Division Headquarters	Parr Stocks Road Fire Station	St Helens	Merseyside	WA9 1NU
33	Mr	Philip	Baldwin	Defence Estates	Copthorne Barracks	Copthorne Road	Shrewsbury		Shropshire	SY3 7LT
34				NPFA Fields Office	Principal Planning Officer	Midland Sports Centre	Cromwell Lane	Coventry	West Midlands	CV4 8AS

35				Mobile Operators Association	c/o Agent					
36	Mr	Andy	Collingwood	NHS Executive	Medical Education Unit	Quarry House	Quarry Hill		Leeds	LS2 7UE
37	Mr	Vernon	Jackson	Villages Housing Association	16 The Croft	Stockbridge Village		Knowsley	Merseyside	L34 3LD
38				Arena Housing Association	14 Columbus Quay	Riverside Drive		Liverpool	Merseyside	L3 4DB
39	Mr	Mike	O'Brian	Groundwork Trust	19-27 Shaw Street			St Helens	Merseyside	WA10 1DN
40	Mrs	Barbara	Reece	Liverpool 14 Community Action Group	201 Thomas Lane	Broad Green	Liverpool		Merseyside	L14 5NV
41	Manager			Department of Health and Social Security	Merseyside Regional Office	St Martins House	Bootle	Liverpool	Merseyside	L20
42	Dr	Alan	Jemmett	Environmental Advisory Service (EAS)	Bryant House	Liverpool Road North	Maghull		Merseyside	L31 2PA
43				Civic Trust for the North West	5th Floor, Century Buildings	31 North John Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L2 6RG
44	Ms	Paula	James	Knowsley Chamber of Commerce	Business Resource Centre	Admin Road	Knowsley		Merseyside	L33 7TX
45				Stockbridge Village Trust	20-27 The Withens		Stockbridge Village	Knowsley	Merseyside	L28 1SX
46			Manager	Liverpool University Library	Civic Design	Abercrombie Square	Liverpool		Merseyside	

47	Ms	Phillipa	Williams	Liverpool Institute of Higher Education	Beck Library, Christs and Notre Dame College	Woolton Road	Liverpool		Merseyside	L16 8ND
48	Mr	Mark	Glover	Halewood Regeneration Partnership	Halewood One Stop Shop	5-21 Raven Court	Leathers Lane	Halewood, Knowsley	Merseyside	L26 OUP
49	Mrs	Judith	Nelson	English Heritage - NW	Suites 3.3 and 3.4, Canada House	3 Chepstow Street		Manchester	Greater Manchester	M1 5FW
50	Mr	I	Travers	Health and Safety Executive	Hazardous Installations Directorate Land Division	Daniel House	Trinity Road, Bootle	Sefton	Merseyside	L20 3TW
51				Country Land & Business Association	16 Belgrave Square				London	SW1X 8PQ
52	Mr	Chris	Waring	Environment Agency	Appleton House, 430 Birchwood Boulevard	Birchwood		Warrington	Cheshire	WA3 7WD
53	Mr	Henry	Peterson	Sport England - NW Region	Astley House	Quay Street	Manchester		Greater Manchester	M3 4AE
54	Ms	Ingrid	Berry	Sefton Council	Planning Director	Vermont House, 375 Stanley Road	Bootle	Sefton	Merseyside	L20 3RY
55	Mr	Peter	Bradford	West Lancashire District Council	PO Box 16	52 Derby Street	Ormskirk		Lancashire	L39 2DF
56	Mr	Peter	Taylor	Warrington Borough Council	Environment and Regeneration Department	New Town House, Buttermarket Street	Warrington		Cheshire	WA1 2NH
57	Ms	J	Pimblett	Tarbock Parish Council	18 Bunting Court	Halewood		Knowsley	Merseyside	L26 7XX
58	Mr	Calvin	Stockton	Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	2nd Floor, North House	17 North John Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L2 5QY

59	Mr	Duncan	McCorquodale	North West Regional Assembly (NWRA)	Wigan Investment Centre	Waterside Drive		Wigan		WN3 5BA
60	Ms	Heather	Jago	Approach 580 SIA	Ground Floor, Yorkon Building	Archway Road	Huyton	Merseyside		
61	Ms	Vitti	Osbourne	Cronton Parish Council	7 Hampton Drive	Cronton		Knowsley	Merseyside	WA8 59ST
62	Mr	M	Harker	The Stanley Estate and Stud Co	The Estate Office	Knowsley Park	Prescot	Knowsley	Merseyside	L34 4AG
63	Mr	G	Adam	Forestry Commission - NW	Linmere	Delamere	Northwich		Cheshire	CW8 2JD
64	Mr	Steve	Dumbell	Knowsley Enterprise Academy	North Mersey Business Centre	Woodward Road	Knowsley Industrial Park	Knowsley	Merseyside	L33 7UY
65	Mr	David	Jackson	Mersey Rail	Room 632	Rail House	Lord Nelson Street	Liverpool	Merseyside	L1 1JF
66				Knowsley Business Watch	Admin Buildings, Admin Road	Knowsley Industrial Park North	Kirkby	Knowsley	Merseyside	L33 7TX
67	Ms	Rebecca	Maxwell	Drivers Jonas	6 Grosvenor Street				London	W1K 3BG
68				North West Council for Sport and Recreation	Astley House	Quay Street	Manchester		Greater Manchester	M3 4AE
69										
70				DEFRA, c/o GONW	Cunard Buildings	Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB

71				Housing Corporation c/o GONW	Cunard Buildings	Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB
72	Prof	Chris	Crouch	Liverpool John Moores University	Planning and Housing Studies	Clarence Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 5UG
73	Mr	Geoff	Pollitt	Prescot Town Council	Town Clerk's Office, Prescot Leisure Centre	Warrington Road	Prescot	Knowsley	Merseyside	L35 5AD
74	Mrs	Sandra	Mayers	Whiston Town Council	Town Council Offices	Community Centre	Dragon Lane, Whiston	Knowsley	Merseyside	L35 3QX
75	Mr	John	Green (Town Manager)	Halewood Town Council	5-21 Raven Court	Leathers Lane	Halewood	Knowsley	Merseyside	L26 0UP
76		Gill	Pinder	St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	Town Hall	Corporation Street		St Helens	Merseyside	WA10 1HP
77				Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	Director of Planning and Economic Development	Municipal Buildings, Brighton Street	Wallasey	Wirral	Merseyside	L44 8ED
78			Director of Environment	Halton Borough Council	Municipal Buildings	Kingsway	Widnes	Halton	Merseyside	WA8 7FQ
79	Mr	Philip	Megson		Guild House	Cross Street	Preston		Lancashire	PR1 8RD
80				Cheshire County Council	County Planning Officer	Commerce House, Hunter Street	Chester		Cheshire	CH1 2QP
81				Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Director of Planning	Civic Buildings, New Market Street	Wigan			WN1 1RP
83	Mrs	Lyn	Spencer	Speke Halewood SIA	Mersey House	140 Speke Road	Garston	Liverpool	Merseyside	L19 2PH

84	Mr	Simon	Thompson (Crime Prevention Officer)	Merseyside Police (Huyton)	Latham Road Police Station		Huyton	Knowsley	Merseyside	L36 9XU
85	Ms	Cathy	Hindley	Lickers Lane Pathways	Rosla Block, Higherside School		Whiston	Knowsley	Merseyside	
86	Ms	Linda	Downey	Halewood Pathways	One Stop Shop	Leathers Lane	Halewood	Knowsley	Merseyside	
88	Mr	Steve	Alexander	Merseyside Fire and Civil Defence Authority	Fire Service Training Centre	Storrington Avenue	Liverpool		Merseyside	L11 9AP
89	Mr	Peter	Whibley	Business Link for Greater Merseyside	GME Ltd, Egerton House	2 Tower Road	Birkenhead	Wirral	Merseyside	CH41 1FN
90	Clerk to the Counc il	Paul	Lawday	Knowsley Parish Council	Knowsley Village Hall	School Lane	Knowsley Village	Prescot	Merseyside	L34 9EN
91		Simon Cooke		The Coal Authority	200 Litchfield Lane		Mansfield		Nottinghamshire	NG18 4RG
92				Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Safety Regulation Group, Aviation House	Gatwick Airport	London		West Sussex	RH6 0YR
93	Ms	Gemma	Heaton	CPRE Lancashire Branch	Station Road (behind the old fire station)	Bamber Bridge	Preston		Lancashire	PR5 6TN
94				The Wildlife Trust Lancs, Manc. and North M'side	The Barn, Berkeley Drive	Bamber Bridge	Preston		Lancashire	PR5 6BY
95				National Grid Company	North West Area Office	Howick Cross Lane, Penwortham	Preston		Lancashire	PR1 0NS
96				Mersey Partnership	c/o The Mersey Partnership	Cunard Building, Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1ET

97	Ms	Caroline	Salthouse	Mersey Strategy	c/o Department of Planning and Economic Development	Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council, Town Hall, Brighton St	Wallasey	Wirral	Merseyside	CH44 8ED
98	Mr	Terry	Abbot	National Farmers Union - NW	Agriculture House	1 Moss Lane View	Skelmersdale		Lancashire	WN8 9TL
99				British Gas (Transco) NW	Spa Road		Bolton		Greater Manchester	BL1 4SR
100				CABE	16th Floor, The Tower Building	11 York Road	London		Greater London	SE1 7NX
101				Department of Transport c/o GONW	Cunard Buildings	Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB
102				Royal Commission Historical Monuments of England	Canada House, Suites 33/34	3 Chepstow Street	Manchester		Greater Manchester	M1 4FW
103	Mr	Andrew	Pannell	Halton Metropolitan Borough Council	Environment and Development Directorate		Halton Lea	Halton	Cheshire	WA7 2GW
104	Mr	D	Blanchflower	Rainhill Parish Council	14 Olive Grove			Liverpool	Merseyside	L30 1PA
105	Mr	Mike	Eccles	Liverpool City Council	Millennium House	60 Victoria Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L1 6JF
106			Director of the Environment	Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	Vermont House	375 Stanley Road	Bootle	Sefton	Merseyside	L20 3RY
107	Ms	Rachel	Brisley	Merseyside Policy Unit	Central Library	William Brown Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	

108	Miss	L	Rajah - Planning Liaison Officer	Telewest Communications	Cable House	1 -8 Frenchwood Avenue	Preston		Lancashire	PR1 4QF
109	Mr	Steven	Edwards	ScottishPower Energy Networks	Environmental Planning	3 Prenton Way	Prenton	Birkenhead	Merseyside	CH43 3ET
110	Mr	Daniel	Connolly	Morris Homes (North) Ltd	Morland House	18 The Parks	Newton-Le-Willows		Merseyside	WA12 0JQ
111	Ms	Fiona	Smith	Acorn Venture Urban Farm	Depot Road	Kirkby Industrial Park	Kirkby	Knowsley	Merseyside	L33 3AR
112	Mr	Richard	Lewis	Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	Town Hall	Brighton Street	Wallasey	Wirral	Merseyside	CH44 8ED
113	Ms	Marie	Armitage (Co-ordinator)	Merseyside HAZ	Hamilton House	24 Pall Mall	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 6AL
114	Mr	Brian	Cowley (Programme Manager)	Kirkby Pathways	Business Resource Centre	Admin Road	Knowsley Industrial Estate	Knowsley	Merseyside	L33 7TX
115	Mr	Eric	Hudson	North West Chamber of Commerce	Wigan Investment Centre	Waterside Drive	Wigan			WN3 5BA
116				Northwood Regeneration Partnership	Northwood House	16 Briery Hey Avenue	Kirkby	Knowsley	Merseyside	L33 OYF
117	Mr	Steve	Cook	Merseytravel	24 Hatton Gardens		Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 2AN
118	Ms	Sarah Jayne	Farr	National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside	PO Box 33	127 Dale Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L69 3LA
119	Dr	Diana	Forrest	Director of Public Health for Knowsley	Knowsley PCT, Health & Social Care HQ	Nutgrove Villa, PO Box 23, Westmorland Road	Huyton	Knowsley	Merseyside	L36 6GA

120	Prof	Ian	Barclay	Liverpool JMU	James Parsons Building	Byron Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 3AF
121		Anna	Sugrue	RSPB NW England Office	Westleigh Mews	Wakefield Road	Denby Dale	Huddersfield	West Yorkshire	HD8 8QD
122	Mr	Tim	Molton	North Huyton New Deal - New Future	River Alt Resource Centre	Woolfall Heath Avenue	Huyton	Knowsley	Merseyside	L36 3TE
123	Mr	Stuart	Restorick	Department of Environment, c/o GONW	Cunard Building	Pier Head	Liverpool		Merseyside	L3 1QB
124	Ms	Chris	Bennett	Merseyside Biodiversity Group	c/o EAS, Bryant House	Liverpool Road North	Magull	Sefton	Merseyside	L31 2PA
125	Ms	Mandy	Elliot	The Housing Corporation	4th Floor	One Piccadilly Gardens			Manchester	M1 1RG
126	Ms	Tracy	Fishwick	Knowsley Disability Forum	Employment and Social Inclusion Dept, DCCS, KMBC	3rd Floor, Municipal Buildings, Archwa y Road	Huyton	Knowsley	Merseyside	L36 9YU
127	Ms	Mary	Farrell	Knowsley Health Partnership	DCCS, 1st Floor,	Kirkby Municipal Buildings, Cherryfield Drive	Kirkby	Knowsley	Merseyside	L32 1TX
128	Mr	Paul	Nolan (Director)	The Mersey Forest	Risley Moss, Ordnance Avenue	Birchwood	Warrington		Cheshire	WA3 6QX
129	Mr	Chris	Creighton	WM Morrison	C/O Agent					
130	Mr	Andrew	Leysens	United Utilities Property Solutions Ltd	Coniston Buildings	Lingley Mere Business Park	Lingley Green Avenue, Greater Sankey	Warrington	Cheshire	WA5 3UU
131	Mr	Bernard	Hogan-Howe	Merseyside Police HQ	Mercury Court	Tithebarn Street	Liverpool		Merseyside	L69 2NU

132	Dr	Diana	Forrest	Knowsley Primary Care Trust	Health & Social Care HQ, Nutgrove Villa	PO Box 23, Westmorland Road	Huyton	Knowsley	Merseyside	L36 6GA
133	Mr	Frank	Kennedy	Friends of the Earth-North West	60 Duke Street		Liverpool		Merseyside	L1 5AA
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Appendix 3

Summary of comments received

(*Reference numbers: these correspond with the reference for each consultee on the database compiled for the Local Development Framework, "LDF", process held by the Council's Forward Planning team).

R00027* Government Office for the North West

Comment 1:

The document is well-structured, well written and contains useful illustrations. You may wish to consider whether it is worth including additional illustrations to demonstrate such things as scale and massing of new development, suitable construction materials, hard landscaping etc., or to cross-reference with documents that might contain such detail (see Comment 5 below).

Proposed change:

Include reference to "North West Best Practice Design Guide" (North West Regional Assembly: May 2006) in paragraph 5.1.

Comment 2:

The "Introduction" section (paragraphs 1.2 to 1.9) in Chapter 1 provides a guide to the role of the SPD within the LDF. It would be as well to mention here that whilst the SPD is linked to saved policies, once the Core Strategy DPD is adopted the SPD will need to be revisited.

Proposed change:

Add reference to paragraph 1.6 to the effect that whilst the SPD is linked to saved policies, once the Core Strategy DPD is adopted the SPD will need to be revisited.

Comment 3:

Within the same section ("Introduction") it would be helpful to include a reference to the SCI and the role it will play in setting the framework for consultation on developments/planning applications affecting the North Huyton Area. Similarly, the Annual Monitoring report which will report on the progress of the SPD and eventually the effectiveness of both it and its parent policies in addressing the issues within North Huyton.

Proposed change:

In paragraph 1.14 add reference to the role of the SCI in future consultation on developments and planning applications affecting the North Huyton Area; noting also that the Annual Monitoring report will report on the progress of the SPD and eventually the effectiveness of both it and its parent policies in addressing the issues within North Huyton.

Comment 4:

The "Introduction" section of Chapter 3 refers to RSS and Policy SD3. It would be helpful to point out that RSS is being revisited and that once adopted, the SPD will be reviewed to ensure conformity with any revised policy wording.

Proposed change:

Add to paragraph 3.1, to the effect that RSS is being revisited and that once adopted, the SPD will be reviewed to ensure conformity with any revised policy wording.

Comment 5:

Paragraph 3.9 refers to policies which are key consideration for the North Huyton area. It would be helpful to mention here that any future proposed SPDs which will supplement

those policies and thus will need to be cross-referenced with this SPD, for example, “Design Quality in New Development”.

Proposed change:

Add reference to the introductory sentence to paragraph 3.9, to the effect that:-
“any future proposed SPDs which will supplement those policies and thus will need to be cross-referenced with this SPD, for example, “Design Quality in New Development” and other documents include in the Local Development Scheme (LDS)”.

Comment 6:

Again, in Chapter 3 there is reference to “sustainability impact”. It should be here that the SPD will be screened to ensure compliance with the Appropriate Assessment of European sites in accordance with the Habitats Directive.

Proposed change:

Add to paragraph 3.14 to the effect that:-
“the SPD will be screened to ensure compliance with the Appropriate Assessment of European sites in accordance with the Habitats Directive”.

Comment 7:

Chapter 9 should mention that from 10th August 2006, most planning applications will need to be accompanied by Design and Access Statements, with perhaps a suitable link to Knowsley’s planning web page for anyone seeking further guidance.

Proposed change:

Add to paragraph 9.3 to the effect that:-
“most planning applications will need to be accompanied by Design and Access Statements”.

Comment 8:

It would be helpful to list, perhaps in an appendix, the national guidance taken into account in the production of the SPD, ie PPGs and PPSs (there is reference in paragraph 5.49 to Flood Risk Assessments, which may confuse as it refers to PPG25 and the draft of PPS25). In addition, it would be worth making reference to the recently published “North West Best Practice Design Guide” issued by the North West Regional Assembly.

Proposed change:

- (i) Amend and correct the wording of paragraph 5.49;
- (ii) add Appendix and reference to national guidance taken into account in the production of the SPD, ie PPGs and PPSs.

Comment 9:

A major issue is theft from vehicles which have been parked away from the owner’s property. Consequently, we welcome the integration of new parking provision with new development, which should help reduce this risk. The document should also mention the forthcoming Transport SPD, designed to incorporate the joint preparatory work being undertaken by the Merseyside authorities.

Proposed change:

Add to the Appendix reference to the forthcoming Transport SPD, designed to incorporate the joint preparatory work being undertaken by the Merseyside authorities.

Comment 10:

On a more general safety issue, we welcome the concept of building safety needs into the design of new buildings, especially the recognition of the notion of “defensible space” and the benefits it can bring.

Proposed change:

None.

Comment 11:

Overall, the document would benefit from the inclusion of a glossary of terms.

Proposed change:

Add Glossary, as an appendix to the SPD.

R00052 Environment Agency

Comment 1:

Part of the area lies within the flood plain of the River Alt (identified in Fig 4.9). A Flood Risk Assessment will therefore be required for any development in areas of flood risk. The Environment Agency will object to a proposal which has buildings at risk from flooding or which increases the flood risk elsewhere. Reference should be made to the national standing guidance on flood risk which can be found on www.pipernetworking.com This provides guidance on flood risk assessments and when they are required.

Proposed change:

Insert reference to the national standing guidance on flood risk and www.pipernetworking.com in paragraph 4.73 of SPD.

Comment 2:

Surface water run off should be restricted to existing rates in order that redevelopment does not contribute to and increased flood risk downstream. The Environment Agency advocates the incorporation of sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDs) in any development where feasible. There appears to be no mention of SuDs within the document and the Environment Agency would like to see this included in chapter 5 which discusses general design of development.

Proposed change:

Add reference to SuDs to paragraph 5.74, to the effect that surface water run off should be restricted to existing rates in order that redevelopment does not contribute to and increased flood risk.

Comment 3:

The Environment Agency has a positive water vole record within the site and reference should be made to this species under the ecology and nature conservation section. We support any opportunity for enhancing the river corridor within the SPD.

Proposed change:

Add reference to paragraph 5.51 to the positive water vole record within the site and Environment Agency's support to enhancing the river corridor.

Comment 4:

With regards to Chapter 9 and paragraph 9.3 there should be mention of a requirement to submit a flood risk assessment when a development falls within an area of flood risk or when it is a major development. Again, developers could be referred to the national standing advice.

Proposed change:

Add to paragraph 9.3 reference to a requirement to submit a flood risk assessment when a development falls within an area of flood risk or when it is a major development; and refer developers could to the national standing advice.

Comment 5:

Draft Sustainability Appraisal – with regards to relevant plans and programmes the Environment Agency would like to see the inclusion of Draft PPS25 and the Draft RSS. We have produced guidance on potential sustainability indicators/baseline data which is attached to this correspondence.

Proposed change:

Include reference in the SA to PPS25, RSS and EA's sustainability indicators/baseline data.

R00117 Merseytravel

Comment 1:

Housing Densities and Orientations: Merseytravel would wish to see clear Guidance in the SPD that ensures housing density levels and orientation of housing areas are constructed in a manner that facilitates ease of access to and for public transport services.

Proposed change:

None; it is the Council's view that the relevant aspects of this comment are addressed in Chapter 8 of the Replacement Knowsley Unitary Development Plan and sufficient additional guidance will also be given in the Merseyside Transport SPD.

Comment 2:

Siting of Retail, Health Care and Community Facilities: Merseytravel would wish to request that the SPD contains guidance on the location of retail, health and community facilities that would ensure that these facilities are located at sites that are easily served by the public transport network and are orientated in a manner that facilitates ease of access to the public transport network.

Proposed change:

None; the Council's view is that there is sufficient guidance relating to the matters referred to in the comment in the UDP, which together with provisions in the Merseyside Transport SPD will give the clarity required.

Comment 3:

Maintenance and creation of bus priority measures: Merseytravel wish to see the retention of the bus-only highway link between Stockbridge Lane and Waterpark Drive and this should be referred to in the SPD. Guidance should also be given in the SPD with regard to the introduction of further bus priority measures.

Proposed change:

None; the Council's view is that there is sufficient guidance on these matters in paragraphs 5.6 to 5.12 of the SPD, which, together with policies in Chapter 8 of the UDP will cover issues relating to appropriate access to public transport to and within the Action Area.

Comment 4:

Designation of Hillside Road as a Public Transport route: regeneration of the area is likely to locate significant new housing in the Hillside Road area and the SPD should contain guidance regarding the reintroduction of bus services.

Proposed change:

None; the Council's view is that in paragraphs 5.66 to 5.72 of the SPD and Chapter 8 of the UDP there is sufficient clarity on the matters referred to in the comment; any highway works that may be necessitated to facilitate bus services will be addressed in the determination of planning applications for new dwellings.

Comment 5:

Traffic calming: Merseytravel would wish to see clear guidance in the SPD that ensures that all bus routes within the Action Area are appropriately treated in terms of traffic calming measures and that only bus-friendly calming measures will be used on public transport routes.

Proposed change:

None; paragraph 5.12 of the SPD addresses this matter.

Comment 6:

Creation of walking routes to public transport access points: Merseytravel wish to see guidance in the SPD with regard to creation and facilitation of good walking routes between new dwelling and appropriate bus stops.

Proposed change:

None; paragraphs 5.6 to 5.11 and Policy T7 of the UDP emphasise the need for good walking routes.

Comment 7:

Parking: Merseytravel would wish to see clear guidance in the SPD regarding parking levels and the location of parking facilities that would ensure the objective of sustainable transportation use.

Proposed change:

None; the Council's view is that there is sufficient guidance in the SPD relating to parking provision, ie in paragraphs 6.17 and 6.18; 7.7 to 7.9 and 8.16 to 8.18 which set out proposals for each of the elements of the Action Area. Additional guidance on parking and its relationship with sustainable transport use can be found in Chapter 8 of the UDP and will be given in the Merseyside Transport SPD.

Comment 8:

Merseytram Line 2: Merseytravel requests that the SPD should contain an appropriate reference to the proposed alignment of the tramway along the southern boundary of the Action Area and an appropriate reference to the protection of relevant land for this purpose.

Proposed change:

None; Policy T2 and the Proposals Map of the UDP indicates the proposed alignment of Merseytram Line 2 and the Council's view is that this is sufficient guidance. It must be pointed out that the SPD in itself cannot allocate land and to comply with Merseytravel's request would have the effect of exceeding the provisions of the UDP.

Comment 9:

Cycle facilities: Merseytravel wish to see clear guidance in the SPD with regard to the creation of a coherent and effective cycle network in the Action Area. The SPD should also contain guidance relating to extending the cycle route to Roby station which is on the Merseyside City Line.

Proposed change:

None; the Council's view is that Policies T6 and T7 of the UDP set out sufficient guidance with regard to cycle routes and facilities; together with the aim of the SPD in improving permeability in the Action Area there is no need to be more prescriptive in the manner suggested by Merseytravel.

Comment 10:

Sustainability Appraisal: Merseytravel notes that despite the stated importance given to sustainable travel use within the Action area the Sustainability Appraisal does not test the delivery of sustainable transport usage. Merseytravel is of the view that the Sustainability Appraisal of the SPD should contain appropriate testing for all of the proposed development options in terms of the costs and benefits for the delivery of sustainable transport usage.

Proposed change:

It is proposed to revisit the Sustainability Appraisal with regard to a number of issues and a final draft of the SA report will aim to address Merseytravel's comments in relation to testing the delivery of sustainable transport usage.

R00002 Highways Agency

Comment 1:

In general terms the Agency prefers development of the most sustainable locations first, such as those which are most accessible by public transport services and locating development on previously developed land. The Agency encourages early, pre-application contact from developers whose proposals are adjacent to or near to the strategic road network or may have an impact, particularly developments of a scale likely to generate a material increase in traffic.

Proposed change:

None

Comment 2:

We support the promotion of non-car modes of transport and improvements which reduce the use of the private car. We support improvements to the public transport network – any improvements or initiatives which reduce the use of the private car and in particular reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, plus encourage walking and cycling are welcome.

Proposed change:

None.

Comment 3:

The area within the Action Area is in close proximity to the M57 and M62. The document indicated that there may be some 200 additional properties resulting from the regeneration initiatives. The Agency would wish to see Traffic Assessments undertaken to establish the likely impact of these additional households. We are happy to engage with Knowsley Council and developers to discuss proposed developments at an early stage.

Proposed change:

None; given the proposed scale of each of the main phases of development, traffic assessments will be required in the determination of detailed planning permission, as indicated in Policy T8 of the UDP.

R00050 Health and Safety Executive

Comment 1:

In your role as the Hazardous Substance Authority under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 and the Planning (Control of Major-Accident Hazards) Regulation 1999 and previous legislation, you should be aware of the location of dangerous substance establishments or major pipelines within the pan area. You are strongly advised to consult

the hazardous pipeline operators to confirm the exact location and route of their pipelines in the area covered by the plan and to ensure that your records are kept up to date.

Proposed change:

None; the planning requirement referred to is covered by Policy ENV4 of the UDP.

Comment 2:

In view of the possible presence of dangerous substance establishments in the area covered by the plan it would be helpful to potential developers if the constraints likely to be imposed by their presence were indicated in a policy statement in the plan.

Proposed change:

None; Policy ENV4 and paragraphs 13.19 and 13.20 of the UDP provide appropriate guidance on these matters.

R00105 Liverpool City Council (Officer-level comments only)

Comment 1:

It could be considered that Knowsley's proposals for North Huyton complement the City Council's objectives of securing improvements in its housing estates in the Eastern Fringes.

Proposed change:

None.

Comment 2:

In strategic terms the need to address the issues faced in North Huyton had been established through its designation as an NDC. In planning terms, both extant RSS and the Knowsley Replacement UDP provide policy support for the regeneration of Huyton. This is further reflected in emerging RSS which stresses the need to support housing market restructuring in areas in the Liverpool city region (outwith the Pathfinder) in need of regeneration. North Huyton clearly falls into this category. In the Liverpool City Region policies in draft RSS the need to promote and enhance the role of Huyton as a service centre is highlighted and this SPD would help to secure this objective.

Proposed Change:

None.

Comment 3:

Some of the new housing towards the north western boundary of the area is to be built on green space. This needs to be balanced through the creation of new open space in the Fincham area and Knowsley needs to have regard to the brownfield targets in draft RSS.

Proposed change:

None; Policy H3 of the UDP has indicated that any loss of such greenspace that may be required to facilitate regeneration will be balanced by the creation of new greenspace, within the standards also set out in Policies OS3 and OS4.

R00032 Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service

Comment 1:

Prior to any road closures, traffic calming or alley-gating, the Fire Authority must be consulted.

Proposed change:

None; the comment is noted but consultation with the Fire Authority will be included in the determination of any application under Planning or Highways legislation.

R00096 The Mersey Partnership

Comment 1:

The Mersey Partnership has looked into this and do not have any comments to make.

R00079 Lancashire County Council

Comment 1:

The County Council has no comments they wish to make

R00029 Northwest Regional Development Agency

Comment 1:

The Northwest Regional Development Agency has no comments to make.

R00021 Countryside Agency

Comment 1:

As the proposed documents refer to land based urban planning and would be unlikely to affect our interests we do not wish to comment formally on this proposal.

Date: 19 January 2007
Our ref: RO 9/5/1/1
Your ref: AA Screening North Huyton &
Tower Hill SPDs

Appendix 4

Response from Natural England to Screening Opinion on

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Consultation on Appropriate Assessment.

Aleck Whillans
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Dear Aleck

AA Screening Reports for North Huyton & Tower Hill SPDs

Thank you for your consultation of 4 December 2006, and we apologise for the delay in our response but unfortunately I did not receive your original consultation, although it was sent to the correct address.

Natural England has been charged with ensuring that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations. Our responsibilities specifically encompass nature conservation, biodiversity, landscape, recreation and access interests in rural, urban, coastal and marine areas.

Natural England has the following comments to make on this proposal.

Natural England finds both reports for the above SPDs to be very thorough, and concurs with the authority's opinion that, due to the reasons listed in the reports, the Tower Hill SPD and the North Huyton SPD are not likely to have a significant impact on any sites of European significance and that an Appropriate Assessment is not necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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