

From: Ian Loughlin

Subject: Sefton's Core Strategy Options, draft Green Belt Study and draft Green Space Study Consultation

We have received a high level of responses to the consultation - approximately 2300 individual responses (letters, emails or completed forms) and a number of petitions. We are currently working our way through all the responses in detail and are compiling a 'Report of Consultation'.

The Report of Consultation will set out all the comments that we received and our initial response to these. As you may appreciate some of the comments are very detailed and may require additional research to fully answer them. We will set out in the report what additional work is required and how long we expect this to take.

We expect the Report of Consultation to be available towards the end of this year, when it will be considered by Planning Committee.

You can keep up-to-date with the progress of the Core Strategy online at www.sefton.gov.uk/corestrategy.

It is likely that the next stage of consultation (what we call the 'Preferred Option' stage) will take place sometime in 2012. At that stage we will have a clear idea of whether or not the Council will need to pursue development in the Green Belt or on any Green Space, and if so, where this would be. We will give notice of the Preferred Option consultation stage by various means, including writing to or emailing everyone who has made comments to us so far.

We will be reviewing our approach to consultation for the Preferred Options stage in order to attempt to address some concerns raised during the previous consultation.

In the meantime if you have any further questions or would like to change/update your contact details please get in touch.

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