

Dear resident

We are writing to you ahead of the final stage of the campaign to save our precious Green Belt around Saughall Massie.

You may be aware, from our previous letters and leaflets, that:

- Bloor Homes wants to build 276 houses on land next to Saughall Massie Road, between the fire station to Pump Lane
- Taylor Wimpey want 180 houses on the land between Saughall Road and the Arrowe Brook, including Diamond Farm
- Russell Homes want 555 houses on the land behind Bloor Homes' proposals, resulting in almost no green space between here and Greasby

On Tuesday 31 October, the independent inspectors appointed to consider the draft Local Plan to protect our Green Belt will review these counter-proposals.

We are OPPOSED to these proposals because of:

- Extra pressure on the flood plain and the Arrowe Brook and Birket
- Extra pressure on roads and public transport
- Extra pressure on local services including schools and GP surgeries
- Loss of local wildlife sites and biodiversity

Similar concerns were expressed by Conservation Areas Wirral, which includes the historic Saughall Massie Village, at their meeting this month.

We have also been contacted by residents, concerned following Labour's latest proposals to release Green Belt for housing. Again, we do not believe this is the answer to Wirral's housing issues.

With so much derelict and vacant space in our urban areas, we believe the draft Local Plan can both regenerate those areas AND protect the Green Belt around Saughall Massie. We'd like to hear your views – please complete and return the survey of the other side of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Colin Baldwin

Cllr. Gary Bennett

Cllr. Vida Wilson

P.S. If you would like to attend and observe the Local Plan Inquiry, it takes place at Birkenhead Town Hall on Thursday 31 October, from 9.30am. Alternatively, we'll add a link to our Facebook page to enable you to watch from home – <http://www.facebook.com/moretonsaughallmassie/>