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Dear Julie,

Fylde Local Plan to 2032: Revised Preferred Option Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fylde Local Plan Revised Preferred Option.

Wyre Borough Council (along with Blackpool and Lancashire County Council) has worked with Fylde Council under the Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the parameters for joint working across the Fylde Coast sub-region. Several joint pieces of evidence have been produced to support the respective Local Plans.

As a neighbouring authority Wyre Borough Council is a key consultee under the Duty to Cooperate. Wyre Borough Council has considered the Revised Preferred Option and is, in general, supportive of the emerging Fylde Local Plan.

Wyre Borough Council notes the proposed development strategy set out in policies S1 and DLF1. The Strategy as a whole is not likely to have significant implications for Wyre Borough. The main cross boundary consideration is the northern most rural parts of Fylde.

Policy S1 sets out that growth within the rural areas will be restricted to the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Larger and Smaller Rural Settlements, which include Singleton and Elswick. These two settlements are located close to the Local Authority boundary and growth here may have implications for Wyre, in particular infrastructure provision. The main rural settlement in Wyre that may be affected is Great Eccleston.

Development at Elswick is likely to have an impact on the A585. Development in Wyre is constrained by the capacity of the highways network, most significantly the A585. Wyre Borough Council seeks assurance that development in Elswick will not further constrain development in
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Wyre. Highways England have been advising Wyre Borough Council on the capacity of the highways network, including the A585, if not already carried out, it is considered that Fylde Council should engage Highways England to ensure that growth at Elswick will not have any significant cross boundary impacts on potential growth in Wyre.

Furthermore, as part of infrastructure discussions regarding the emerging Wyre Local Plan, Wyre Borough Council has engaged with Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), as their CCG area extends into Wyre (and also across parts of Fylde).

Discussions with the CCG have covered the capacity of health services across the Borough, including at Great Eccleston. Wyre Borough Council encourages Fylde Council to engage with Greater Preston CCG to ensure growth in Elswick, which may impact on Great Eccleston health services, is fully considered with the CCG.

Yours sincerely,

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