Please find below my comments on the Formby & Little Altcar Neighbourhood Plan

The Formby and Altcar Neighbourhood Plan supports the development of more housing than the Sefton Local Plan. It does this by accepting existing allocations in the Sefton Plan. It should identify which sites the parish councils accept should be developed and where it believes the additional houses should be built. It has laudable aims of the development of affordable homes but should indicate the proportions of affordable housing and the different types eg social rent, part rent/part buy, low cost retirement accommodation and low cost homes for purchase. The plan should suggest whether it supports additional infrastructure or not and where it would put any new roads, drainage and health facilities.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not rule out fracking. It suggests fracking will be supported if "there is substantive evidence to demonstrate that it comprises sustainable development that the local community needs". This is of great concern and the parish councils should reconsider their commitment to fracking given the widespread opposition in Formby and from Sefton Council.

It is important for Formby and Little Altcar to have a robust Neighbourhood Plan to give the local community a proper say in the new development being proposed. The plan needs to be more specific in identifying what and where the parish councils believe development should take place in relation to housing, employment and demonstrate opposition to fracking.

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