I’d like to make some comments on the Formby Neighbourhood plan document.

I feel that the preservation of the open spaces listed 2.5.8 is extremely important. I would like to see the grounds of St Peter’s Vicarage on Cricket path added to this list as it is frequently used for public events and is important due to its place within the Green Lane Conservation Area.

Policy WS6 and WS7

I feel it is crucial to carefully scrutinise any plans for new or replacement shopfronts and signage as they create or retain a great deal of the character of any retail area. Also a programme should be in place to encourage improvement to some of the existing shop fronts and signage which only have a negative affect on our retail areas. These area need to be good quality and characterful to retain to encourage local shopping.

3.4.10 Community Assets

I would like to see the original part of the Embassy Building on Green Lane added to this list. The Planning Inspectorate have recently upheld Sefton Council’s ruling to refuse permission to remove the original Art Deco Windows. The historic importance of the Windows was supported by the 20th Century Society and the planning application to remove them received many local objections.

This status may help in encouraging the owners to upgrade the ground floor retail units and restore the original 1928 Art Deco features.

Within ‘Heritage Planning’ I believe that the Green Lane Conservation Area should have more detailed and focused plans in the form of a formal Management Plan. An excellent draft appraisal has been done by Sefton Council. This needs a timetable to move forward to the next stage and to become a Conservation Area Management Plan. I believe that this is crucial to preserve, maintain and develop the only Conservation Area that we have in Formby.