

Healthy Neighbourhoods Paper - Housing and Planning as Building Blocks for a Good Life in Northumberland

Health and Well-being Board

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Appendix 3 - Existing Planning Projects contributing to Healthy Neighbourhoods

There currently exist several projects and opportunities across the county, working towards developing or improving health outcomes for residents. Table 5 below provides some examples:

Table 5 Current planning projects supporting Healthy Neighbourhoods

Project	Context	Actions
Local Plan	A new local plan was adopted in 2022 with a range of new policies to improve health and wellbeing. This includes a requirement for Healthy Planning checklists, and health impact assessments for some developments as part of the planning process. It also includes a Hot Food Takeaway Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Planning checklists now required for all major applications for Full Planning Permission or Approval of Reserved Matters.
Health Impact Assessments	Health Impact Assessments are now required for large scale major applications for Full Planning Permission or Approval of Reserved Matters which comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 or more residential dwellings/housing units. 10,000sqm (non-residential) floor space to be created. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated guidance on HIA development usage to be issued as a part of the validation checklist review early 2024. This will include a Rapid HIA template and thresholds for Full HIA requirement (400 residential dwellings or 40,000 sqm (non-residential) floor space to be created). Broaden involvement in HIA assessment and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> minerals and waste applications. 	<p>approval across the authority and partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for a reporting requirement of Rapid HIAs to the board for information. Opportunity for HWB consideration for Full Health Impact Assessments.
Further guidance for developers	A growing suite of guidance for around healthy homes and developments is available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Homes fact sheets (Homes England) TCPA Public Health in Planning Guidance Public Health England Spatial Planning for Health