

guide 8

creating health-promoting environments

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Health in planning policy – checklist

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) policy requirements	When developing/ reviewing your Local Plan...		What policy areas or supplementary planning documents (SPDs) could you develop?
	For planning leads...	For health leads...	
Achieving sustainable development (para. 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the overall vision and the spatial planning objectives reflect the social role of planning in supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, and do they tackle inequalities? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision and strategic objectives for health
Core planning principles (para. 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you reflected relevant priorities in the health and wellbeing strategy and other health strategies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you ensured that health strategies provide tangible priorities for the built/ natural environment? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overarching health and wellbeing policy
Promoting sustainable transport (section 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you explored options for promoting active travel and improving opportunities for physical activity? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you engaged planners and transport planners through the local transport plan process? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking and cycling environment Transport assessment and travel plans
Requiring good design (section 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you set out design principles/ criteria for the new development, promoting permeable, safe and accessible layouts? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you had conversations with planners and urban designers on securing good health through design? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing design and access Design strategies Lifetime neighbourhoods
Promoting healthy communities (section 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you set out viable requirements for play areas, open spaces, leisure, and access to food-growing and healthy food choices/retail for new developments? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you supported planners with an evidence base demonstrating the benefits associated with physical and mental health and wellbeing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open spaces Play, formal and informal recreation Allotments Access to healthy food
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (section 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you identified what, where and for whom there are vulnerabilities to the significant impacts caused by pollution and noise (people and places)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you presented evidence to planners to enable them to plan for appropriate land use activities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenity Air and noise pollution
Plan-making evidence: infrastructure (para. 162)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you set out the infrastructure requirements for health, and are they reflected in section 106 planning obligations and/or the community infrastructure levy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you supported planners in engaging with the clinical commissioning group/NHS England? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and care facilities investment, and infrastructure requirements
Plan-making evidence: health and wellbeing (para. 171)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you identified and applied local health needs in justifying policies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you ensured that the joint strategic needs assessment and other health resources provide evidence in a format that can be used and referenced by planners, i.e. GIS maps? 	
Monitoring and review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you set out performance indicators/targets for each health-relevant policy, and what health evidence have you linked to? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there synergies with Public Health Outcomes Framework indicators to help measure health impacts/benefits? 	

Annex 2

Health in new Garden Cities – development assessment

Movement and access	Open spaces, play and recreation	Food environment	Buildings	Neighbourhood spaces and infrastructure	Local economy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing transport infrastructure and services integrated effectively and enhanced. Clearly signposted, safe and accessible walking and cycling street networks. Well designed buildings with passive surveillance. Walking prioritised over private car use and speed of vehicles managed. Area-wide walking and cycling infrastructure. Development includes a travel plan that promotes sustainable transport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A planned network of green spaces that can also be used for walking and cycling. High-quality natural green spaces of different sizes, accessible from dwellings. A wide range of high-quality play opportunities and experiences integrated into residential areas. Sports and leisure facilities designed and maintained for everyone to use. Consideration given to sustainable maintenance and management arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of healthy food retail uses. Shops/food markets that sell a diverse offer of food choices and are easy to get to. Development maintains or enhances opportunities for food growing, and prevents loss of spaces, including community orchards. Opportunities for households to own or have access to space to grow food, for example via roof or communal gardens and allotments. Opportunities for supporting healthy eating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwellings have adequate internal spaces for bike storage, dining, and kitchen facilities. Provision of private or partially private outdoor space, such as a front or back garden, and adequate-sized balconies. Consideration given to the need for specialist supported housing, integrated within the development and appropriately sited in an accessible location. Nationally-recognised standards met, including Lifetime Homes, Home Quality Mark and BREEM Communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and healthcare facilities provided early as part of new development. Services and facilities co-located within buildings where feasible. Public spaces are attractive, easy to get to, and designed for variety of uses. Flexible and durable high-quality spaces that can support civic, cultural and community functions. Use of digital technology to contribute to increased and improved use of neighbourhood spaces for activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development enhances the vitality of the local centre by providing a diverse retail and food offer. Development layout maximises proximity to existing employment opportunities while avoiding adverse impacts from traffic and noise generation on health and amenity. Offices and other employment sites are easy to get to by public transport, walking or cycling. Development provides the means for local people to be trained and to secure job opportunities.
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