

Consultation Response from KC Public Health		
2021/93567 Land off, Westgate, Cleckheaton, BD19 5DR		
Erection of 194 dwellings with associated works		
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This response is from the Public Health Improvement Team.

In Kirklees, the Public Health Improvement Team has developed a rapid health impact assessment (HIA) framework and guidance tool for planning applications. The purpose of this is to assess the broad health impacts of proposed developments. The rapid HIA is a material consideration in the Kirklees Local Plan and is listed in the Kirklees Validation List.

The Public Health Improvement Team will carry out its responsibilities, as a consultee for the Kirklees Planning Authority to:

- Apply an agreed rapid HIA screening [methodology](#) at the pre-application / application stage, to identify if a rapid HIA is required for a proposed development.
- Review and respond to a submitted HIA, focusing on the health improvement themes relevant to local and national planning policy and the public health priorities which impact on the immediate and surrounding areas of the proposed development.

The Public Health Improvement Team do not provide specialist technical advice or feedback on development proposals, such as around waste, noise or air quality. This responsibility lies with other council teams and their responses will be provided separately.

Local intelligence shows that the following health indicators for adults within Cleckheaton Ward, where the proposed development is taking place, are higher than the Kirklees average.

- Rates of emergency admission due to respiratory disease
- Rates of adults feeling lonely or isolated – UNDER 65

The submitted rapid health impact assessment has been reviewed. Unfortunately, the submission lacked the requisite detail to effectively assess the consideration given to potential health impacts and the conclusions reached. Whilst we appreciate that health improvement areas which are of interest to public health may be covered in other supporting documentation, more comprehensive cross-referencing to these documents and the appropriate points within them would facilitate a more efficient and effective review of the submission.

This notwithstanding, the Public Health Improvement Team have identified further measures and considerations surrounding the development issues, as outlined in the table below, which look to enhance the proposed development and further improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people and place. We kindly request that the measures set out in the table for each development issue are incorporated into the submitted Rapid Health Impact Assessment and implemented should the application progress.

Development issue	Further measures and considerations
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Construction phase	<p>The submitted air quality and noise impact assessments identify a range of mitigations that will be needed to ensure that potential impacts remain negligible. We would recommend that these mitigations are implemented in full as part of the proposed CEMP, to ensure that potential impacts are managed effectively.</p> <p>We acknowledge the work done to engage with and address the concerns of local communities and recommend that this level of engagement continues throughout the construction phase, using a mixture of channels. This will ensure that there continue to be opportunities for ongoing communication with local communities to keep people informed and for them to raise any issues or concerns, and for these to be picked up and addressed by the developer.</p>
Housing	No further comment on this section.
Active travel and sustainable transport	No further comment on this section.
Access to open and green spaces	Public open space is situated at one of the outer edges of the development, which may make it more accessible for some residents than for others. Likewise, the designed LEAP is similarly situated, with similar potential impacts. We would welcome consideration from the developer of how potential inequalities in access to these assets can be mitigated.
Access to healthy and affordable food	<p>We would recommend that the developer considers the potential for provision of allotments and / or communal growing spaces as part of the designated public open space, and that it incorporates fruit-bearing trees where possible.</p> <p>We would also recommend that any welcome pack for residents includes details of the local food offer (e.g., supermarkets, convenience stores) and how to reach this via sustainable and active travel options.</p>
Community and personal safety	The accompanying travel plan should include accessible walking and cycling maps that support and enable community and personal safety, with the designated

	travel plan coordinator supporting and coordinating this activity.
Employment and economic vibrancy	<p>We welcome the employment and economic opportunities outlined in the submission and would encourage consideration from the developer of how they will ensure that the benefits of these opportunities are felt by local communities, in an inclusive and sustainable way. For example, we would encourage the developer to consider local labour and supply chain opportunities from the construction phase onwards.</p> <p>Further and supplementary to this, we would recommend that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant liaises with local skills, training and employment programmes led / commissioned by Kirklees Council to support local labour opportunities available during the development phase. - Where supply chains are in place, the applicant requests all contractors / sub-contractors to support positive employment opportunities and encourage health and wellbeing in the workplace. - The applicant makes provision for safe and secure cycle parking on site for staff wishing to travel actively during the construction phase. - The applicant and appointed site contractors link in with local health and wellbeing programmes / support services where appropriate and display information for staff working on site.
Community cohesion and social support	We would welcome further consideration from the developer of how the proposed development, and in particular the public open space, can be designed in a way that enables and encourages social interaction and connection, e.g., provision of benches, areas for sport / exercise, allotments / communal growing spaces
Climate change	No further comment on this section.

