Consultation Response from KC Public Health

2022/91735 Land off, Hermitage Park, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0JU

Outline application for erection of residential development

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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 Health Impact Assessment is a material consideration in the Kirklees Local Plan and is listed in the Kirklees Validation List. Public Health Improvement will carry out its' responsibilities, as a consultee for the Kirklees Planning Authority to:

- Apply a Rapid HIA screening methodology at the pre-application/ application stage to identify if a HIA is required for the 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.

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

- The revised submitted Rapid Health Impact Assessment has been reviewed on the basis this is an outline application for one part of the overall proposed development. Additionally, the Rapid Health Impact Assessment has also been reviewed in the context of the entire site proposal, that is HS2 and HS3.
- Public Health 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.
- Public Health request that the measures and considerations are applied to entire site allocation as 'plots' are released and approved for development, that is HS2 and HS3.
- Public Health request that the measures set out in the table below for each development issue are incorporated into a revised Rapid Health Impact Assessment and re- submitted again for further review.
- Should the application be approved, and the proposed measures are included in the revised Rapid Health Impact Assessment, that these are implemented, and the lead Case Officer follows up with the applicant.
- The lead Case Officer to ensures that the NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). (formerly the Kirkees Clinical Commissioning Group) are consulted regarding the healthcare infrastructure (including Dentist and Opticians) meet the current and future healthcare of the existing and new settlements at the proposed site (HS2 and HS3).

Development issue	Further measures and considerations
Construction Phase	• The applicant to develop a comprehensive communications plan to outline the operating times of construction works, likely disruption and mitigation measures (diversions/ alternative routes for all users of road and public pathways inc PROW), timelines etc. This is made available using the appropriate comms channels for the existing and surrounding communities prior to the construction works commencing. • To include a mechanism for members of the public to report any safety concerns.
Housing	• Any affordable housing allocation, as per Kirklees Local Plan threshold, is spread across the proposed development to support community cohesion and diversity. • The private drives are noted to use gravel. Please consider occupants with mobility issues, frailty and visual impairments
Active travel and sustainable transport	• The Travel Plan to include detail about opportunities to engage in walking, cycling, using public transport to support leisure, school and work-related journeys. To detail 'key destinations' (local services and amenities) with distance and time to these destinations (via walking, cycling and public transport modes). • Special consideration should be made to developing appropriate walking and cycling infrastructure around the link between HS2 and HS3 (filedownload.aspx (kirklees.gov.uk), page 16, areas 14 and 15). This will very likely be used as a short cut for walkers/cyclists and is through the green space between. .

Access to open and green spaces	• There is a large woodland edge in the proposed development. How will much this area include lighting? The provision of lighting will ensure safe and secure passage as well be one of the migration measures to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. • The proposed development includes drainage ponds. What measures will be put in place to protect against the risk of drowning? For example, fencing / barriers and safety signs? • Will there be any fencing or restricted access by the woodland edge to prevent unsupervised young children entering this woodland? • Appropriate signage erected by the immediate play areas to promote voluntary code of no smoking / no vaping as part of the Smokefree environment work supported in Kirklees. Public Health welcome the opportunity to provide input. • All public green spaces proposed in the development to have appropriate levels/ types of seating to support community cohesion, offer comfort/ rest breaks, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation, promote well-being. • Green space to have suitable lines of vision to support children's safe play. • Special consideration should be made to developing appropriate walking and cycling infrastructure around the link between HS2 and HS3 (filedownload.aspx (kirklees.gov.uk), page 16, areas 14 and 15). This will very likely be used as a short cut for walkers/cyclists and is through the green space between.
Access to healthy and affordable food	• Public health welcome the inclusion of a public fruit bearing trees in green/ open and communal spaces to encourage healthy eating, social interaction, biodiversity and natural play. • A welcome pack / travel plan is produced to include information about local food shops, supermarkets detailing distance and time (all modes of travel, bus routes)
Community and personal safety	• Same as the responses as included in Construction section and Access to open and green spaces – woodland edge and drainage ponds. • The routes in and out of the proposed development and existing settlements support natural surveillance. • Appropriate lighting within the proposed parks and open spaces.

	• The welcome packs to include information about key support services and helplines to report safety concerns, messages about personal safety and that of others.
Employment and economic vibrancy	• The applicant to liaise 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 request all contractors/ sub-contractors support positive employment opportunities and encourage health and wellbeing in the workplace, where possible to incorporate health and wellbeing in the Toolbox Talks - e.g., mental wellbeing, smoking, healthy eating etc. • 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 to link in with local health and wellbeing programmes / support services where appropriate, display information for staff working on site. Public Health welcome requests to provide support re workplace health.
Community cohesion and social support	See responses in: • Access to Sustainable Travel and Transport • Access to open and green space • Access to healthy food/food • Community and personal safety
Climate change	• Applicant seeks opportunities for donating surplus construction/ building materials to local projects. Recycling of waste as appropriate. • The welcome packs to include information, guidance to support behaviour change. For example: reducing vehicle use for short journeys, promoting active travel, reducing food waste and home composting, recycling, indoor air quality in the home (residents considering the installation of wood burning stoves, ventilation etc) and energy efficiency information.