

Kirklees Council – Public Health

Rapid Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for spatial planning template form

HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

WHAT TYPE OF HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED?

There are different types of Health Impact Assessment – these are often referred to as Rapid, Intermediate and Comprehensive HIA. Each of these types differs in complexity, the range of stakeholders who might be involved in the process and the time they take to complete. Comprehensive HIA is the most intensive form of HIA and Rapid HIA is the least intensive.

In Kirklees, we would like applicants to complete a **Rapid Health Impact Assessment (HIA)**. This is a relatively quick process, involving desk-top research and the Applicants' professional knowledge and expertise. However, you may also wish to include insight from stakeholders and/or local people where available and relevant.

The Applicant or the Applicant's appointed representative can complete the HIA.

Please note, on occasion, there may be a requirement for a more in depth HIA to be completed. **If this is the case, you will be informed by the lead Planning Case Officer.**

THE RAPID HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING / COMPLETION PROCESS:

Stage 1. Planning Development Management or Public Health will use a screening methodology to assess if a Rapid Health Impact Assessment needs to be completed by the Applicant at pre-application or application stage.

Stage 2. If a Rapid Health Impact Assessment is required, applicants will need to refer to the guidance and framework sections included in this document. **The applicant will be required to use the template document included in this document. Different formats of health impacts assessments will not be accepted.**

Stage 3. Applicants when completing a Rapid Health Impact Assessment will need to clearly refer to, where relevant, any of the other planning conditions and documentation which are associated with the health and development issues set out in the framework template in this document. For example:

The Design and Access Statement may be relevant to detail and reference for Housing

The Travel Plan may be relevant for Active Travel and Sustainable Transport etc.

Stage 4. Kirklees Public Health will review the completed Rapid Health Impact Assessment before response and feedback is provided. All responses and further correspondence about the completed assessment will be via the lead Planning Case Officer/ Planning Development Management.

Stage 5. Public Health will respond and/or action in the following way:

- a) Accept the completed assessment with no further action required.
- b) Request further information and or ask for clarification as well as highlight matters which do not meet the requirements of the assessment before a response is provided
- c) Make recommendations which enhance the proposed development and ask the Applicant to revise and resubmit the Rapid Health Impact Assessment for further review
- d) Agreed Public Health recommendations are noted by the lead Planning Case Officer and for future follow up with the Applicant about the recommendations and implementation pre and post development.

WHEN WILL A RAPID HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT BE REQUIRED?

Kirklees Council has in place a screening methodology to determine when a HIA is required and will therefore advise Planning Development Management when assessments need to be completed. The screening process acknowledges the interrelationship between planning policy, health and health inequalities and that those living in the most deprived neighbourhoods experience both environmental disadvantages and area inequalities which adversely affect population and individual health. Refer to SCREENING METHODOLOGY FOR RAPID HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS section of this document.

For developments on both allocated and unallocated sites, applications will be screened to assess if an assessment is required based on:

- the size of the proposed development (residential dwellings and or commercial space) AND
- Kirklees Rapid Health Impact Assessment Form.

To be completed by the applicant / applicants' agent.

Part 1 – Applicant details and proposal Summary.

Application number:

Postcode and full address of the proposed development:

Former Ledgard Bridge Mills, Back Station Road, Mirfield, WF14 8NZ

Person responsible for completing this Rapid Health Impact Assessment:

Name: Nick Willock – Robert Halstead Chartered Surveyors & Town Planners

Contact email: nick@roberthalstead.co.uk

Date submitted to Planning Development: ...

Proposal summary
Outline residential development comprising of 76 no. two bed duplex apartments, and associated car parking and landscaping.

Part 2 – Stakeholder involvement.

Stakeholder Involvement
The Council were consulted on the proposals through a formal pre-application enquiry to the Planning & Development Service.

Part 3 – Rapid Health Impact Assessment of development issues

1. Planning and development issue: Construction phase

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Air quality			See below
Noise			See below
Light			See below
Odour			See below
Construction waste			See below
Recycling and repurposing of construction materials			See below
Safe and secure cycle parking for the construction workforce			See below
Health, wellbeing and welfare on site for the construction workforce			See below

<p>Describe the impacts on health and your rationale for this.</p> <p>There are potential impacts in connection with all of the above at the construction stage, however mitigation measures will be employed (see below) to minimise these impacts as far as possible, while acknowledging that inevitably construction activities are accompanied by a certain degree of disruption.</p>
<p>How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?</p> <p>A Construction Management Plan will be agreed as part of the planning application or through a pre-development condition, to minimise the impacts on air quality, noise, light, odour, waste etc. A Construction Method Statement and risk assessment will also be produced.</p>
<p>Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which form part of this application.</p> <p>A Noise Impact Assessment has been submitted.</p> <p>Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been submitted with the proposed application? (Answer Yes or No)</p>

No – This development falls below the criteria applicable under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017

If answer is No, please complete section: **Planning and development issue: Climate change**

2. Planning and development issue: Housing

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Housing mix and pepper potting, range of house sizes and types etc			YES
Proportion of affordable housing.			YES
Adaptable and accessible space			YES
Energy efficiency.	YES		
Falls and injury.			YES
Fire safety.	YES		
Indoor air quality.	YES		

Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.

There are potential positive and negative impacts in connection with the development in terms of housing. However, overall, it is considered that the positive benefits of the scheme outweigh any potential negative impacts (see below).

How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?

The proposed development will provide 76 two-bed apartments suitable for couples and families. The development will provide a Build to Rent scheme which will have a positive impact for local people. All of the apartments are accessible by lift if they are not on the ground floor, however, as the apartments are duplex and therefore contain internal stairs, it is acknowledged that this may not suit all user needs. The development will be constructed to exceed Building Regulation requirements in terms of energy efficiency and all fixtures and fittings will be energy efficient. The apartments each include a balcony for some outdoor amenity space. These will be constructed in accordance with current regulations so as to be as safe as possible. All of the apartments will have good levels of ventilation with windows in most of the rooms and in all of the habitable rooms. Separate stairs for fire escapes will be provided and the building will also contain a sprinkler system in case of fire.

Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.

Design and Access Statement
Planning Statement
Climate Change Statement
Proposed Plans

3. Planning and development issue: Active travel and sustainable transport

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Ease of walking	✓		
Ease of cycling	✓		

Cycling infrastructure which meet national standards	✓		
Access to public transport links	✓		
Promotion of active travel and sustainable travel	✓		

Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.

The development will have a positive health impact in relation to active travel and sustainable transport. The application site is within easy walking and cycling distance from Mirfield town centre and Lower Hopton local centre where shops and other services are readily available. A core walking and cycling network also runs along Back Station Road helping to provide an alternative sustainable means of travel in this part of Kirklees. The development will provide a secure cycle storage for residents which contains 76 spaces. The development is also only a two minute walk from Mirfield railway station with direct trains to Huddersfield, Leeds and Manchester and within close proximity to local bus stops with routes to Huddersfield, Heckmondwike, Dewsbury and Leeds.

How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?

A Travel Plan has been produced and is submitted as part of the proposals. Part of this will involve promoting sustainable travel options for residents and providing them with up to date information on travel related issues.

Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.

Travel Plan
Proposed Plans
Landscape Plans
Design and Access Statement

4. Planning and development issue: Access to open and green spaces

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Safe and secure open and green spaces			✓
Accessible open and green spaces for all (Buggy users, Wheelchair users, cycles and push scooter)	✓		
Playable space with play equipment		✓	
Playable spaces - natural play		✓	
Location and size of open and green spaces outside of proposed development			✓
Location and size of open and green spaces inside the proposed development	✓		

Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.

There would be positive and negative impacts in relation to access to open and green spaces. No children's play equipment or natural play areas are proposed solely with children in mind. The open spaces that are proposed, being close to the river, are also not completely safe and secure for young children. However, the riverside walk and surrounding soft landscaping, the landscaping within the site and the habitat enhancement area proposed in the northern part of the site, will provide residents with high quality outdoor open and green spaces that they can enjoy and experience. In addition, there are several parks located in the northern park of Mirfield that are not too far away that families can easily travel to.

How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?

It is envisaged that the green areas proposed throughout the site will be of high-quality in terms of layout, design and species rich.

Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.

Proposed Plans
 Indicative Landscape Plans
 Design and Access Statement
 Planning Statement

5. Planning and development issue: Access to healthy and affordable food

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Ease of access to local supermarkets or convenience stores by sustainable modes of travel	✓		
Opportunities for local food growing			✓
Tree species in the proposed development including communal fruit trees and areas of vegetable growth		✓	

Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.

The development would have a mixed impact in terms of access to healthy and affordable food. The supermarket Lidl is only a five minute walk away. The Co-Op and other independent food shops are also available in the centre of Mirfield. No fruit trees or areas for growing food will be available on site however and the nearest allotments are located on Nab Lane, Mirfield, a short drive away.

How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?

See above.

Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.

See above.

6. Planning and development issue: Community and personal safety

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Traffic management	✓		
Lighting	✓		
Clear and accessible off-road networks	✓		
Safe and secure play areas		✓	
Safe and inclusive environments	✓		
Prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour	✓		
Prevention of suicide and self-harm			✓

Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.

The new development will have sensitive and energy efficient lighting.

The building and overall site will help to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour – see relevant section of Design and Access Statement

Clear, accessible off-road networks will be provided in the form of the riverside walkway and the core walking and cycling network.

No children's play areas are proposed on-site.

How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?

As above.

Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.

Proposed Plans
Design & Access Statement
Transport Assessment
Planning Statement

7. Planning and development issue: Employment and economic vibrancy.

Note: Economic vibrancy can be applied at the construction phase and or where proposed development includes commercial and or employment space.

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.

Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact

Local employment opportunities	✓		
Job creation			✓
Apprenticeships			✓
Access of a variety of sustainable and active travel modes to places of work	✓		

<p>Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.</p> <p>There may be local employment opportunities during construction of the development.</p> <p>Please refer to the sections above and the Travel Plan regarding 'access of a variety of sustainable and active travel modes to places of work'.</p>
<p>How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.</p> <p>Travel Plan Planning Statement</p>

8. Planning and development issue: Community cohesion

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact
Ease of access to public buildings for all			✓
Opportunities for promoting community interaction	✓		
Ease of access to and use of public spaces for all			✓

Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this. The proposed apartment building will be for residents only and so is not a public building. The proposals include a residents' gym and communal barbeque area, as well as shared outdoor areas. These will encourage community interaction among residents.
How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts? See above.
Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application. Proposed Plans

9. Planning and development issue: Climate change

For each area of focus listed below, please select one type of impact that applies. The impacts can be positive, or negative or unsure about the impact.	Positive impact	Negative impact	Unsure about the impact

Green infrastructure	✓		
Low carbon and renewable energy	✓		
Flood risk and drainage	✓		
Air quality (applicable if no EIA submitted)	✓		
Noise (applicable if no EIA submitted)			✓
Light (applicable if no EIA submitted)	✓		
Odour (applicable if no EIA submitted)	N/A		
Waste (applicable if no EIA submitted)	✓		

<p>Describe the impact on health and your rationale for this.</p> <p>See below.</p>
<p>How do you intend to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts?</p> <p>Please refer to the documents below for full details of the above. Some of the impacts are also discussed in previous sections of this assessment, so please see above also.</p>
<p>Provide details of where this planning and development issue is considered in any other submitted plans, assessments, and documents which forms part of this application.</p> <p>Proposed Plans Design and Access Statement Climate Change Statement Noise Impact Assessment</p>

Travel Plan
Planning Statement

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