

**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 Colne Valley Ward, where the proposed development is taking place, are higher than the Kirklees average.

Low levels of physical activity

The submitted rapid health impact assessment has been reviewed. 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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|                   | <p>Whilst a Rapid HIA has been submitted - many of the statements are vague and lacking detail. Where supplementary documents were provided to indicate where relevant information could be found, including exact page numbers</p> |

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|                           | <p>would further support ease of navigation and accessibility. As there were a significant number of supporting documents - it has not been feasible to read them all. Therefore, this PH response has been prepared based only on what has been completed by the Developer. Although section 6 of the Planning Statement is referenced under the construction phase-there are 164 bulletin points. The developer needs to be more specific in which bullets they are referring to.</p>  |
| <p>Construction phase</p> | <p>Public Health would strongly encourage the use of a CEMP as stated by the Developer. There is no mention of facilities for construction workers or how their health &amp; wellbeing at work will be considered within the completed HIA. In line with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 etc, employers have a legal duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of employees and the public. One of the key responsibilities is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welfare Facilities: Providing adequate welfare facilities (e.g., toilets, drinking water, washing facilities).</li> <li>• Construction workers considerations should include access to facilities that enable them to reheat food/take a break. In addition, we would recommend that the developer makes provisions to support the health and wellbeing of staff employed as part of the construction phase, including: -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The developer to make provision for safe and secure cycle parking on site for staff wishing to travel actively during the construction phase.</li> <li>- The developer and appointed site contractors to link in with local health and wellbeing programmes / support services where</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|   | <p>appropriate and display information for staff working on site. For example, Kirklees Wellness Service (<a href="https://kirkleeswellnessservice.co.uk/">https://kirkleeswellnessservice.co.uk/</a>) provide support around smoking cessation, healthy weight, mental health, etc.’</p> <p>It is unclear how many jobs will be created during the construction phase and whether there are any apprenticeship opportunities for local people.</p> |
| Housing                                 | N/A   |
| Active travel and sustainable transport | Although the developer states the proposed development will open up new routes through the site and provide cycle parking facilities etc, they do not state specifically where the information referred to can be found-they say ‘see planning statement’ which is 59 pages long.   |
| Access to open and green spaces         | Although the developer states there is no new offsite green space provision, glancing at the landscape illustration it would appear that the site is being enhanced compared to its current condition   |
| Access to healthy and affordable food   | PH notes the application proposes a new retail space which includes café/restaurant spaces; however, this will be a commercial venture-not a provision by the Developer directly. Allotments/food growing space is not currently proposed, however, as there is potential to develop residential property during a later phase, we would recommend some re-consideration is given as this would be of benefit to future residents                   |
| Community and personal safety           | PH acknowledge the use of lighting and natural surveillance, as well as traffic routing to make the site safer. Whilst phase one does not necessarily warrant a play space area-dependending on the future type of housing/residential  |

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|                                       | <p>provision it could be of benefit to future residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regards to best practice as it relates to suicide mitigation please refer to <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/suicide-prevention-suicides-in-public-places">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/suicide-prevention-suicides-in-public-places</a></li> </ul> |
| Employment and economic vibrancy      | <p>Whilst the Developer does state the project will generate a considerable number of jobs-it does not give any approximate numbers of FTE-including during the construction phase as already mentioned.</p>  |
| Community cohesion and social support | <p>One suggestion to enhance community cohesion that may not have been considered during phase 1 in the inclusion of seating areas/benches.</p>   |
| Climate change                        | <p>Based on a quick scan of the climate change statement (as no specific pages/sections identified within the other named documents) it would appear that the proposed development has considered both the essential and desirable measures where practical and feasible.</p>   |