Comments

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Tests of Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound in terms of being:

Justified
Effective
Positively prepared
Consistent with National Policy

Reasons

Please give the reason(s) why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the statutory Duty to Cooperate.

Policy HWC1 = Health and Wellbeing I welcome the inclusion of a specific policy on health and wellbeing. However the content of the actual policy wording is quite narrow, not entirely reflecting the health and wellbeing content included in the vision statement. I request the inclusion of additional wording as identified in italics below:

Health and Well-being The Council will seek to improve health and well-being in the Borough. The Council will work with its partners to:-Identify appropriate sites for new health infrastructure based on a health service delivery plan:-Protect existing facilities and support the provision of new or improved health facilities:-Prioritise interventions and resources to those areas of the borough where health inequalities are greatest; and-Support the integration of community facilities and services, i.e. health, education, cultural and leisure in multi-purpose buildings.-Create environments that support and encourage healthy and active lives.

Health Impact Assessment: In order to ensure that the health and wellbeing policy is implemented I would request that a policy requirement for Health Impact Assessments be included in the SPP2, which would apply to major developments. This would act as a mechanism to encourage and assist applicants to effectively address health and wellbeing in their development proposals and thus deliver policy HCW1. It would also help the local planning authority to determine whether the proposals / application meet the requirements of Policy HWC1. A local Health Impact
Assessment tool has been created and could be used for this purpose
-http://www.nnj pdu.org.uk/publications/northamptonshire-rapid-hia-for-planning-tool/

Notifications

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