

Neighbourhood Planning and links to Public Health

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Context

- Background to Public Health changes.
- National Planning Policy Framework.
- Role of Neighbourhood Plans and opportunities to create links.
- Next steps

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Public Health

‘The science and art of promoting and protecting health and well-being, preventing ill-health and prolonging life through the organised efforts of society’

Faculty of Public Health

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Public Health

- Public health transferred from NHS to Durham County Council on 1 April 2013
- Three domains of Public Health, health improvement, health protection and health care services.
- Public Health grant
- Public Health Outcomes Framework
- The Marmot review (2010) recognises the importance of planning in affecting “the environment, food and

obesity”
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Public health cont'd

- National child measurement programme.
- NHS Health checks
- Appropriate access to sexual health services.
- Ensuring NHS commissioners receive the public health advice they need
- Protection of the population health

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National Planning Policy Framework NPPF (2012)

Core planning principles - paragraph 17

- Take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social & cultural wellbeing eg JSNA.

Strategic priorities – paragraph 156

- Deliver the provision of health, security, community & cultural infrastructure eg healthcare infrastructure requirements.

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Health and wellbeing evidence – paragraph 171

- Develop understanding /take account of health status and needs of local population including future changes, barriers to improving wellbeing eg JSNA

Sustainable transport – paragraph 35

- Developments located, designed where priority given to cycling/walking, access to high quality public transport & create safe and secure layouts

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Good design – paragraph 58

- Developments create safe/accessible environments where crime/disorder & fear of crime do not undermine life quality.

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Promoting healthy communities –
paragraph 69

- Achieve places promoting integration through mixed use developments, strong neighbourhood centres and active street frontages, eg wide ranging but need to focus on key issues.

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Open space and recreational needs – paragraph 73 eg Healthy Weight framework, emerging Sport & Physical activity framework

Environmental pollution – paragraph 123

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Neighbourhood Plans -links

Potential to explore:

- Green infrastructure
 - Shared/ communal asset
 - May be owned by town/parish council
 - Important for local character
 - Designating land for food growing as 'Local Green Space'

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Neighbourhood Plans cont'd

- Sustainability
 - Carbon reduction
 - Sustainable design
- Regeneration and community development
 - Food accessibility mapping identified need to revitalise 'high street'
 - A5 fast food take-aways

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Next steps?

- Exploration of links with public health agenda eg case studies
- Build on local knowledge, skills and assets.
- Raising profile of connections eg working with officers and local residents.

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