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
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
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”

Altogether better
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
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.
N.P.P.F cont’d

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
N.P.P.F cont’d

Good design – paragraph 58

• Developments create safe/accessible environments where crime/disorder & fear of crime do not undermine life quality.
N.P.P.F cont’d

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

Environmental pollution – paragraph 123
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’
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.