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NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Local Planning Engagement Team

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Ref: Draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (HIOW ICB) have reviewed the Test Valley Borough Council Draft Local Plan 2040 - Regulation 18 Stage 2 from a primary care (GP Surgeries) perspective and would like to provide the following response for consideration.

On page 10, paragraph 1.45 we note that the council appreciates that health is a crucial factor in the Local Plan and references a Health Impact Assessment (HIA). However, in our experience with HIA's there is rarely a consideration of primary care capacity within an area and its capacity to manage additional patients from additional housing. Therefore, the ICB would like to be consulted on the proforma of the HIA and to have an opportunity to contribute to its development.

Our Communities on page 20 references the needs of numerous services and the role that they have in supporting the local community. In particular it mentions the requirement to 'Secure lasting benefits for our communities, including enhancements to social, green, **health**.....' although the following paragraphs appear to omit access to primary care i.e:

Paragraph 2.34: ...Meeting daily needs is achieved through access to key services and facilities such as a food store, place of worship, community hall or meeting place, recreation ground or park, a public house and a primary school.

Whilst the ICB appreciates that not all facilities can or should be included, the role of a GP surgery within a community cannot be understated. In addition to seeing patients when they are unwell, GP's are well placed to understand the local factors that shape behaviours and

lifestyles thus improving general health and wellbeing, whilst also offering 'relevant health promotion advice' to their registered population.

This has been acknowledged within the draft Local Plan on page 23: Health, Wellbeing and Recreation:

'...Work with the Council's partners to secure access to healthcare for all...'

Furthermore 2.55 on page 24 continues with:

The Local Plan 2040 will help to encourage and facilitate healthy lifestyles. The delivery of health infrastructure will be reliant on partnership working with many other stakeholders, in particular the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board, Hampshire County Council, the National Health Service.

The ICB is not funded to ensure that GP practices increase their infrastructure capacity inline with the additional housing growth that will be delivered by the Local Plan. If there is insufficient primary care capacity to meet a new development the ICB will be reliant on a CIL compliant developer contribution to fund the required increase in capacity. Therefore, in the list of stakeholders it should include developers as well.

As part of the Local Plan process the ICB provided a high-level assessment of the proposed sites for the Local Plan and highlighted particular areas where there would be insufficient primary care capacity, however the information provided does not appear to be included within '4.6 Housing Site Assessment'.

Furthermore, we believe that it would be helpful for the information provided by the ICB to have been included in the site assessments that followed in that section. As an example, the ICB advised that the four surgeries (Andover Health Centre Medical Practice, Charlton Hill Surgery, Charlton Hill Surgery: Enham Surgery, Shepherds Spring Medical Centre) whose catchment areas cover 'Land at Manor Farm, North of Saxon Way, Andover' will require an increase in capacity to meet proposed housing growth.

The inclusion of a paragraph as suggested above would then align with Local Plan Policy COM1: Delivering Infrastructure.

To mitigate the impact of development on infrastructure, development will be required to:

a. Provide for the necessary on-site infrastructure requirements and off-site infrastructure requirements;

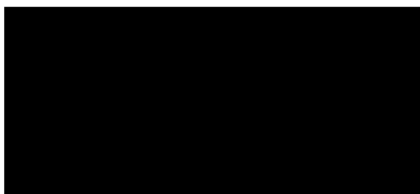
b. Directly provide infrastructure and/or a financial contribution which will be secured through a legal agreement;

The inclusion of off-site infrastructure is paramount as the ICB works towards consolidating estate rather than building small branches that can be inefficient as highlighted in the final report of the stocktake undertaken by Dr Claire Fuller on behalf of the Chief Executive of the NHS. For some locations, the ICB will seek a larger solution to the impact cumulative development will have.

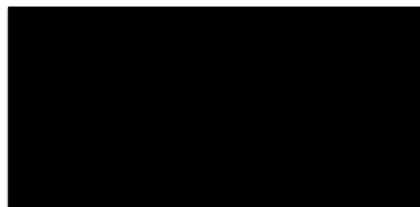
It is appreciated that the development of a Local Plan is a massive undertaking which needs to include a wide range of issues, organisations and policies which will ultimately lead to the required level of housing growth whilst also ensuring sustainable access to services supporting the health and wellbeing of the local population.

The ICB have some concerns and would like to seek assurance from the council that healthcare infrastructure plans are part of their Local Plan and question whether the inclusion of specific policies and references to primary care may need to be more detailed to ensure that potential impacts can be effectively mitigated.

The ICB welcome the opportunity to review and update the councils Local Plan and IDP to ensure that it has the most up to date information which will be relevant to the Local Plan.



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