

Appendix 3: Greater Cambridge Shared Planning HIA Checklist

This HIA Checklist has been adapted from the London Healthy Urban Development Unit's (HUDU) checklist that is used by local authorities in London to assess the potential health impacts of a development. Its purpose is to help determine what aspects of health need to be considered within the scope of an HIA, the potential health impacts of a development, and how potential positive impacts can be maximised while potential negative impacts can be avoided or mitigated.

This HIA Checklist is divided into a series of themes. Under each theme, there are a number of related health and wellbeing considerations that are relevant to spatial planning. Each theme also contains a number of questions relating to the identified planning consideration. It may be the case that not all the issues and questions will be relevant to a specific development proposal, and the user should select and prioritise the issues accordingly. Some issues may be directly related to an individual development, others may be relevant at a neighbourhood level where the cumulative impact of development can contribute to a healthy neighbourhood.

The checklist aims to ensure a development proposal is as 'healthy' as possible, by achieving as many 'Yes' responses and avoiding 'No's'. A 'No' gives a warning that an aspect of a development may need to be reconsidered, or further assessment is needed. If the issue has been assessed as part of another technical report (e.g. noise pollution has been considered as part of a Noise Impact Assessment), this should be referred to under "Evidence/Data Sources".

Development project overview to include

- Name of proposed development
- Description of development
- Contact name and details
- Location of project
- Date HIA checklist complete.

Consideration of Protected Groups (see Appendix 1 of the Greater Cambridge HIA SPD for examples)

- Please identify the protected groups that may be more negatively or positively impacted by your development proposal. Please document how these protected groups have been identified (e.g. ONS data, JSNA data).

Public Consultation or Stakeholder Engagement Proposals

- Please describe the extent of stakeholder engagement or public consultation to be undertaken. What relevant local and/or protected groups will you engage with as part of the stakeholder engagement?

Theme 1: Healthy Environments

1a. Flooding

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development incorporate sustainable drainage techniques (SuDS), including storing rainwater, use of permeable surfaces and green roofs?
- Is there a Flood Evacuation Plan and does this consider people with mobility or specific care needs?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 31 sets out the requirements for integrated water management in new developments, including the provision of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).

- Policy 32 on preventing flood risk from the development and to the development.
- Adopted [Cambridgeshire Flood Water SPD](#) highlights that particular attention should be given to the communication and evacuation of vulnerable people within a flood Evacuation Plan.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy CC/8 on the need to provide sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) that are appropriate, accounting for geological context.
- Policy CC/9 requires development to consider the flood risk and states that development will not be permitted if it increases flood risk elsewhere.
- Adopted [Cambridgeshire Flood Water SPD](#) highlights that particular attention should be given to the communication and evacuation of vulnerable people within a flood Evacuation Plan.

1b. Contaminated Land

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Has the proposed development been assessed for any potential contaminated land risks to construction workers or future site users?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 33 on the need to assess any possible risks to health arising from previous land uses or the presence of contaminants.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/11 on the need to assess any possible risks to health arising from previous land uses or the presence of contaminants.

1c. Noise Impacts

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal minimise the impact of noise caused by traffic and commercial uses through insulation, site layout and landscaping?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 35 on the protection of human health and quality of life from noise and vibration.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/10 on the protection of human health and quality of life from noise and vibration.

1d. Air Quality

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal minimise air pollution caused by traffic and employment uses?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 36 requires development not to result in significant contributions to polluting or malodorous emissions, or dust or smoke emissions to air.
- Cambridge contains a designated Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) where no adverse impacts on air quality are allowed.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/12 prevents development from being permitted if development would incur an unacceptable impact on air quality.
- Policy TI/2 (3) on the need to demonstrate mitigation measures for air pollution from traffic.

1e. Overheating

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the design of buildings and spaces avoid internal and external overheating?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 28 on the need for Sustainability Statements to identify how development is adapted to climate change. Further detail on overheating is set out in the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD, including avoiding single-aspect dwellings.](#)

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy CC/1 on the need for development to be adaptable to the impacts of climate change, including overheating. Further detail is set out in the Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD, including avoiding single-aspect dwellings.

1f. Waste Management

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal include a suitable means for the storage and collection of waste?
- Does the proposal include means to separate recycling from general waste?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 28 on site waste management during construction.
- Supporting text for Policy 50 on waste storage for residential uses and separate recycling and waste facilities.
- Policy 57 (d) on the design standards for new buildings, which includes integration of refuse and waste storage.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (2011) designates safeguarding areas for existing and future waste sites.
- Design guidance within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of local policies by providing further guidance on recycling and waste and facilitating a circular economy.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1 (i) on accessible facilities for waste management and collection.
- Policy SC/4 on community facilities and the need for waste management for community uses.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (2011) designates safeguarding areas for existing and future waste sites.
- Design guidance within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of local policies by providing further guidance on recycling and waste and facilitating a circular economy.

1g. Safe Construction

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal minimise construction impacts such as dust, noise, vibration and odours on sensitive land uses (e.g. residential areas, hospitals and schools)?
- Has a Construction Environment Management Plan or similar document been prepared for the development?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 28 on the need to prevent construction activity from causing harm to the environment and human health.

- Sustainable construction guidance within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the above policy requirements.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy CC/6 on the need to control construction activity, construction traffic, and construction waste using Construction Environmental Management Plans or a similar document.
- Sustainable construction guidance within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the above policy requirements.

Theme 2: Healthy Housing

2a. Healthy Homes

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal meet policy requirements for daylight, sound insulation, and odour mitigation in residential development?
- Does the proposal meet policy requirements for residential privacy?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 34 on controlling light pollution and glare on sensitive receptors (e.g. residential uses).
- Policy 35 on minimising noise pollution and disturbances on sensitive receptors (e.g. residential uses).
- Policy 36 on controlling air quality and dust on sensitive receptors (e.g. residential uses).

Sustainable design guidance within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1 (n) on the need to mitigate disturbances from overlooking, noise, vibration, odour, emissions and dust, and mitigate loss of daylight.
- Policy SC/9 on controlling the impacts of light pollution and glare on sensitive receptors (e.g. residential uses).
- Policy SC/10 on minimising noise pollution and vibration disturbances on sensitive receptors (e.g. residential uses).

Sustainable design guidance within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

2b. Healthy Homes (Internal Space Standards)

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal satisfy internal space standards for new homes, including sufficient storage space?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Residential space standards contained within Policy 50.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Residential space standards contained within Policy H/12.

2c. Healthy Homes (External Space Standards)

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal satisfy external space standards for new homes?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 50 on standards for external space (i.e. private amenity space).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1, supplemented by the design guidance within Chapter 6 of the [South Cambridgeshire District Design Guide SPD](#).

2d. Relevant Housing Types and Sizes

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal include a range of housing types and sizes that respond to local housing needs?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 45 on the need for development to provide a range of housing types to meet projected future household needs of the city.
- Additional overview of local housing requirements provided in the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy H/9 on the need for development to provide a range of housing types to meet projected future household needs of the district.

- Additional overview of local housing requirements provided in the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#).

2e. Affordable Homes

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal provide affordable housing that meets identified local needs?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 45 states 25% of developments of 11 – 15 dwellings should affordable dwellings, while developments of 15 or more dwellings should comprise at least 40% affordable units.
- Policy requirements supported by the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy H/10 requires that at least 40% of dwellings on proposals of 11 or more units, or over 1000m² floorspace, are required to be affordable, unless viability evidence supports a lower provision.
- Policy requirements supported by the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#).

2f. Accessible Homes

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal provide accessible homes for older or disabled people?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 45 on the need for development to provide a range of housing types to meet projected future household needs of the city.
- Policy 47 on specialist housing that is adapted to the care needs of people with disabilities.
- Policy 51 requires all new housing to be of a size and internal layout that satisfies Building Regulations requirement M4 (2). Policy 51 requires 5% of affordable housing components acceptably providing 20 or more self-contained affordable homes to meet Building Regulations requirement M4 (3).
- Policy requirements supported by the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy H/9 on the need for development to provide a range of housing types to meet projected future household needs of the district. This includes a requirement for 5% of homes in a development of 10 or more dwellings to be built to the accessible and adaptable dwellings M4(2) requirements of the Building Regulations (accessible and adaptable dwellings).
- Policy requirements supported by the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#).

2g. Homes for Gypsies and Travellers

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal make provisions for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) community?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 49 on standards for permanent, transit and emergency stopping provision for the GRT community.
- Pitches for the GRT community are recognised by the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#) as a type of accommodation option that will be supported where this is demonstrated by needs-based evidence.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy H/9 on the need to deliver housing and accommodation options to support different groups in a community.
- Policy H/20 on standards for permanent, transit and emergency stopping provision for GRT sites.
- Policy H/21 requiring significant major development proposals to include provisions for GRT sites where a local need has been identified.
- Pitches for the GRT community are recognised by the [Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029](#) as a type of accommodation option that will be supported where this is demonstrated by needs-based evidence.

Theme 3: Active Travel and Inclusive Mobility

3a. Promoting Walking and Cycling

- Does the proposed development promote accessibility via walking and cycling?
- Does the proposed development seek to reduce car use (e.g. by using Travel Plans)?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 80 on the prioritisation of walking, cycling and public transport, and making places accessible for all.
- Policy 81 (b) on the use of Travel Plans to help control traffic impacts of major developments.
- Policy 82 and Appendix L on parking management using the adopted parking management standards. Adopted standards include allowances for car-free development in connected centres or controlled parking zones.
- Guidance on sustainable movement within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.
- Policy objectives are supported by [Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy \(2023\)](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy TI/2 (1) on the need for development to be located and designed to reduce dependence on private cars and promote sustainable travel.
- Guidance on sustainable movement within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

- Policy objectives are supported by [Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy \(2023\)](#)

3b. Connectivity

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Have measures been taken to connect the development to existing cycle and walking networks?
- Is the proposed development well connected to public transport networks, local services and local amenities?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 74 on locating educational facilities in locations accessible on foot and bicycle.
- Policy 75 on locating healthcare facilities in locations accessible on foot and bicycle.
- Policy 80 (2) on creating convenient links between destinations along active travel routes.
- Guidance on sustainable movement within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy E/13 (g) on the need to make employment sites accessible on foot and cycle.
- Policy TI/2 (2) on the need to provide walking and cycling infrastructure, and the need to connect proposed infrastructure to existing strategic networks, including public transport networks.

- Guidance on sustainable movement within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

3c. Safe Travel

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal include traffic management and calming measures, and safe and well-lit pedestrian and cycle crossings and routes?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 56 (f) on the need to create clear and navigable public spaces that are safe and usable.
- Policy 65 (b) on the need for street furniture and signage to be designed in ways that do not impede pedestrian or vehicular movement.
- Policy 80 (3) on the prioritisation of safety across active travel networks and the need to improve unsafe active travel routes.
- Guidance on safe travel networks within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.
- Policy objectives are supported by [Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy \(2023\)](#) and the [Active Travel Toolkit \(2024\)](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy TI/2 (a) on the provision of safe transport routes between destinations.

- Guidance on safe travel networks within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

Policy objectives are supported by [Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy \(2023\)](#) and the [Active Travel Toolkit \(2024\)](#).

3d. Cycle Parking Infrastructure

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development provide an adequate level of cycle storage?
- Have measures been taken to ensure cycle storage is secure?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 50 on secure cycle parking requirements for residential development.
- Policy 57 (d) on the design standards for new buildings, including bicycle parking.
- Non-residential and residential cycle parking standards contained within Appendix L.
- Policy objectives are supported by [Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy \(2023\)](#) and the [Active Travel Toolkit \(2024\)](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1 (i) on secure and accessible cycle storage.
- Policy TI/2 (2) (d) on the need for development to provide sufficient secure cycle parking.

- Cycle parking standards stated as part of Policy TI/3.
- Policy objectives are supported by [Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy \(2023\)](#) and the [Active Travel Toolkit \(2024\)](#).

3e. Inclusive Mobility

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development provide suitable parking facilities and accessible infrastructure for people with impaired mobility?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 56 (k) on the need to deliver an accessible public realm through inclusive design and layout.
- Policy 82 and Appendix L on standards for parking facilities for people with impaired mobility.
- Guidance on sustainable movement within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy TI/3 (2) on standards for vehicle parking for people with impaired mobility.
- Policy SC/4 on the need to provide facilities for specific needs, including people with disabilities.
- Guidance on sustainable movement within the [Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD](#) supplements the requirements of the above policies.

Theme 4: Open Space and Recreation

4a. Access to Open Space

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal retain or replace existing open space?
- Does the proposal provide new open or natural space, or improve access to existing spaces?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 56 (i) includes open space and soft landscaping as key aspects of site designs and layouts.
- Policy 59 on the need to integrate existing and proposed landscape features into the public realm of new development.
- Policy 67 on the protection (and enhancement) of existing open space.
- Policy 68 on open space provision through new development.
- The above policy requirements are supported by the [Open Space and Recreation Strategy \(2011\)](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1 (m) on the need for development to include landscaping and open spaces that integrate with development.
- Policy SC/7 provides standards for open space provision for new developments.

- Policy SC/8 on the protection of existing open spaces and mitigation requirements where open space would be lost.
- The above policy objectives are supported by the [Open Space in New Developments SPD \(2009\)](#).

4b. Outdoor Play and Recreation

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal provide outdoor play spaces or recreational opportunities for children and young people?
- Are play spaces and/or recreational facilities accessible?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant policy standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 67 on the protection (and enhancement) of existing outdoor recreation spaces.
- Policy 68 on outdoor sport and recreation provision through new development.
- Policy 73 on the provision of new outdoor sports facilities in line with the [Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 – 2031](#) for the Greater Cambridge area.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/4 on development considerations for sports and recreation facilities.
- Policy SC/7 provides standards for outdoor sport and children play provision for new developments.
- Policy SC/8 on the protection of existing sports and recreation facilities and mitigation requirements where such facilities would be lost.

- Policy goals on outdoor recreation supported by the [Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 – 2031](#) for the Greater Cambridge area.

4c. Indoor Recreation and Sport Space

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal provide indoor sports and recreational opportunities?
- Are indoor sports and recreational facilities accessible?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 73 on the provision of new indoor sports facilities in line with the [Indoor Sports Facility Strategy 2015 – 2031](#) for the Greater Cambridge area.
- The above policy requirements are supported by the [Open Space and Recreation Strategy \(2011\)](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/4 on development considerations for sports and recreation facilities.
- Policy SC/6 on development considerations for and protection of indoor community facilities (including indoor sports).
- Policy requirements produced in line with the [Indoor Sports Facility Strategy 2015 – 2031](#) for the Greater Cambridge area.

4d. Safety and Crime Prevention

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Are the open, natural or recreational spaces provided as part of the development welcoming?
- Has the proposed development included a layout that promotes natural surveillance?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 56 (d) and 56 (g) on the need for design to remove opportunities for crime and improve community safety (e.g. incorporating natural surveillance).
- The above policy requirements are supported by the [Open Space and Recreation Strategy \(2011\)](#).

Relevant policy standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1 (1) (o) on the need for design to remove opportunities for crime and improve community safety (e.g. incorporating natural surveillance).
- Chapter 6 of the [South Cambridgeshire District Design Guide SPD](#) supplements the community safety requirements of the above policy.

4e. Open and Recreational Space Management

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposal set out how new open space and play areas will be managed and maintained (e.g. a Landscaping Management Plan)?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 68 on the use of planning conditions or Section 106 agreements to secure a long-term management plan for open space and recreation provision.
- The above policy requirements are supported by the [Open Space and Recreation Strategy \(2011\)](#).

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/4 (10) on the long-term management and maintenance of nature facilities.
- Supporting text for Policy SC/7 on the management of public open spaces.
- The above policy requirements are supported by the [Open Space in New Developments SPD \(2009\)](#)

Theme 5: Access to Healthy Food

5a. Local Spaces for Growing Food

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development facilitate the supply of or is it close to opportunities for locally grown food (e.g. allotments, community orchards etc.)?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Allotments considered important areas of open space provision (Policy 67).
- Objectives on allotment provision also contained within the [Open Space and Recreation Strategy \(2011\)](#).

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/7 on standards for the provision of allotments as part of new developments.
- Policy SC/8 on the protection and enhancement of allotments and community orchards, and their replacement if local food production spaces are lost as part of development.

5b. Retail Choices

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Is the proposal connected to or does it make provisions for a range of retail uses, including food stores and smaller independent and affordable shops?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 5 on the need to sustainably connect communities to local centres.
- Policy 72 in support of new shops and the protection of retail spaces in district, local and neighbourhood centres.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy E/22 on delivering new retail development.
- Policy SC/4 on the need for housing developments to contribute to the provision of services and facilities and to assess the impact on existing local facilities, including local shops, restaurants, cafes and public houses.

Theme 6: Vibrant Communities

6a. Healthcare Facilities

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Has the impact on healthcare services been considered?
- Does the proposal include the provision or replacement of a healthcare facility and/or does it provide a financial contribution for this?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 75 supporting the development of new healthcare facilities, particularly in areas of growth.
- Policy 85 on the use of planning obligations to ensure development delivers or contributes to the delivery of healthcare facilities.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Local Plan policy objective to facilitate the creation and growth of healthcare clusters in the district.
- Policy SC/4 on the need for development to provide or contribute to the delivery of community facilities, including health facilities.
- Policy SC/5 on support for new healthcare facility provision.

6b. Educational Facilities and Childcare Services

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development contribute to meeting primary, secondary and post-16 education needs?
- Does the proposed development provide childcare facilities?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 44 on specialist education facilities and centres.
- Policy 74 on the support for providing educational facilities, particularly in areas of population growth. Policy states that Children's Services Authority are to be engaged for major development to ensure school capacity can support growth and/or outline how development can support new educational facilities.
- Policy 85 on the use of planning obligations to ensure development delivers or contributes to the delivery of educational facilities.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/4 on the need for development to provide or contribute to the delivery of community facilities, including educational and childcare facilities.
- Policy TI/9 on the support for providing educational facilities, particularly in areas of population growth. Policy states that Children's Services Authority are to be engaged for major development to ensure school capacity can support growth and/or outline how development can support new educational facilities.

6c. Social Facilities

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Are community facilities or spaces for indoor recreation provided as part of the proposal?
- Are community facilities designed to be accessible for all members of a community?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 14 on improvements to social infrastructure in designated Areas of Major Change and Opportunity Areas.
- Policy 40 on the consideration of shared social spaces in employment development.
- Policy 56 (f) and 56 (k) on design standards for an inclusive public realm that promotes social cohesion.
- Policy 68 on the use of open space to promote socialisation.
- Policy 85 on the use of planning obligations to ensure development delivers or contributes to the delivery of social spaces and social infrastructure.
- Open space infrastructure requirements are supported by the [Open Space and Recreation Strategy \(2011\)](#).

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy HQ/1 (m) on public spaces being designed to facilitate inclusive social interaction.
- Policy E/10 supporting shared social spaces in working environments.

- Policy SC/3 on the protection of village amenities and services that are important for local wellbeing.
- Policy SC/4 on the delivery of community facilities that allow for social interaction and collective recreation or enjoyment.

6d. Cultural Facilities

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development make provisions for places of worship or different faith groups?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 73 on the protection cultural facilities and the standards for cultural facility provision as part of new developments.
- Policy 85 on the use of planning obligations to ensure development delivers or contributes to the delivery of cultural facilities (e.g. places of worship).

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- One of the Local Plan's primary objectives is the provision and protection of community facilities (Policy SC/2 (e)).
- Policy SC/5 on the provision of community facilities for different faith groups.

6e. Employment Opportunities

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development provide access to employment opportunities for local people?
- Does the proposed development make appropriate arrangements for homeworking?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 1 on the presumption in favour of sustainable development, including economic sustainability and the provision of accessible, local jobs.
- Policy 40 on the expansion of employment uses and business spaces in locations that are accessible to local communities or populations.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy S/3 on the presumption in favour of sustainable development, including economic sustainability and the provision of accessible, local jobs.
- Policy E/12 on the promotion of new employment development in settlements.
- Policy E/13 on the promotion of new employment development on the edge of settlements, subject to meeting other policy requirements.
- Policy SC/4 on the delivery of shops that are accessible to communities.

- Policy H/18 on parameters for homeworking.

6f. Compatible Land Uses

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Does the proposed development contain a mix of land uses?
- Have design measures been incorporated to ensure that commercial disturbances on sensitive uses (e.g. homes) will be mitigated?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 33, 34, 35, and 36 on the need to protect sensitive land uses (e.g. residential development, care homes, schools and hospitals) from pollutants that can stem from non-residential uses.
- Policy 41 (b) on the development of previously developed sites to consider whether proposed uses are compatible with surrounding land uses.
- Policy 56 (a) and (e) on the use of comprehensive site layouts to ensure limited conflicts between planning uses.
- Policy 73 on the need for local facilities to be compatible with surrounding context, including mitigating impacts on sensitive receptors.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy SC/9, SC/10, SC/11 and SC/12 on the need to protect sensitive land uses (e.g. residential development, care homes, schools and hospitals) from pollutants that can stem from non-residential uses.

- Policy SC/13 on the need to ensure that hazardous installations do not harm sensitive land uses
- Policy HQ/1 (d) on the need for development to be compatible with its location in terms of scale, mass, siting, design and proportion to surrounding land uses.
- Policy HQ/1 (j) on the need for mixed use developments to harmonise, and for mixed use developments to be compatible with surrounding uses.

Theme 7: Digital Connectivity and Access to Telecommunications Infrastructure

7a. Broadband Infrastructure and Internet Connection

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Is there adequate broadband infrastructure, or, in cases where improvements are needed, does the proposal seek to deliver high-quality services?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 42 on the need to connect new developments to digital infrastructure.
- Policy 85 states that planning permission will only be granted if applicants can demonstrate that there is sufficient infrastructure to support the needs of development users.

Relevant Policy Standards (South Cambridgeshire Local Plan)

- Policy TI/8 on the need for development to make suitable arrangements for infrastructure to meet the needs of both existing and future communities. Supporting text identifies telecommunications infrastructure as an area for developer consideration.
- Policy TI/10 on expectations for developers to contribute towards the provision of infrastructure suitable to enable the delivery of high-speed broadband services across the district.

7b. Mobile Network Coverage

Key questions to assess against relevance (yes, no or not relevant) whilst providing evidence/data sources

- Is there adequate mobile network coverage, or, in cases where improvements are needed, does the proposal seek to deliver high-quality services?

Answers should be accompanied by evidence/data sources, assessment of potential Health Impacts (positive, negative, neutral, unknown) and recommended enhancement or mitigation actions.

Relevant Policy Standards (Cambridge Local Plan)

- Policy 42 on the need to connect new developments to digital infrastructure.
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