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By e-mail

Dear Ian Nelson

Re: Draft Neighbourhood Plan, Blackfordby

We are writing in response to the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Blackfordby

The LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are supportive of the vision set out in your draft plan and would want to work collectively with you to understand in more detail how the local NHS can contribute to its delivery.

Many of the themes identified in the plan will impact upon the wider determinants of health and as a result population health outcomes. We would therefore welcome working together to maximise the opportunity for health and wellbeing within the vision outlined in your plan.

In particular we would welcome:

- Actions to support the development of community identity; maximising opportunities for residents to come together to create community cohesion and support each other.
- Maximise the opportunities and provision of green space and local recreational facilities that actively promote enable residents to access and undertake physical activity with ease (both formal and informal). Consideration for this type of provision should be varied, evidenced based and compatible with local leisure, and open space strategies. Types of provision could range from (but not limited to) built leisure centre facilities, community centres to play areas to structures walking trails, café / social facilities, or semi nature accessible open space.
- That the development is designed in such a way to encourage and enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing and demonstrate compatibility with published national guidance from Sport England, Public Health England, NHS, Design Council, and others e.g., Active Design Guidance, Building for Life 12, Manual for Streets, Spatial Planning for Health
- Ensure that there are a range of options for travel (including active travel) within the development that enables residents to get to and from work and leisure easily.

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- Infrastructure for Active Travel should be actively encouraged with provision for high quality cycling and walking routes within the development, good connectivity to surrounding settlements and ease of access to public transport.
- Designs that support the reduction in carbon emissions, as this has a direct impact on some resident's health

As well as the above generic comments it is important to note that an increase in the number of new residents in any area will have a direct impact upon local NHS services whether that is primary, hospital or community care. Local primary care services are already under high demand and therefore any additional demand from housing developments will require developer contribution to mitigate this.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your vision and I look forward to working together to make the most of the opportunity and mitigate any impacts from increases in population upon local NHS services.

Yours sincerely



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