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By e-mail

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Swannington Neighbourhood Plan – Public Consultation

We are writing in response to the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Swannington.

The NHS Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Integrated Care Board (ICB) 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.
- That any new developments are designed in such a way to encourage and enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- A range of options for travel (including active travel) within the plan that enables residents to get to and from work, leisure facilities and health services easily.

- Infrastructure for Active Travel should be actively encouraged with provision for high quality cycling and walking routes, 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 we fully support your stance on public infrastructure and the protection of facilities within Swannington. Primary Care services are increasingly under pressure due to the growing number of additional roles now required to provide care closer to home for residents. Space and facilities are stretched and therefore we would welcome a discussion around potential health use of some of these protected facilities.

It is also important to note that any increase in the number of new residents in any area due to housing development will have a direct impact upon local NHS services whether that is primary, hospital or community care.

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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