


National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Health and Wellbeing Checklist

A checklist to ensure Local Plan policies reflect requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework based on local needs and evidence.

NPPF Policy Requirements	When developing your Local Plan....		What policies could you have?
	for Planning Lead	for Public Health Lead	
Achieving sustainable development (para 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does the overall vision and spatial planning objectives reflect the social role of planning in supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, and tackling inequalities? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision and Strategic Objectives for health
Core planning principles (para 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you reflected relevant priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you ensured your Health and Wellbeing Strategy include key built/ natural environment priorities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overarching Health and Wellbeing policy
Promoting sustainable transport (Section 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you explored options for promoting active travel and improving opportunities for physical activity? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you engaged Planners and Transport Planners through the Local Transport Plan process? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking and cycling environment Transport assessment and Travel plans
Requiring good design (Section 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you set out design principles/ criteria for new development promoting permeable, safe and accessible layouts? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you had conversations with the Planners and Urban Designers on securing good health through design? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing design and access Design strategies Lifetime neighbourhoods
Promoting healthy communities (Section 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you set out viable requirements for play areas, open spaces, leisure, and access to food growing and healthy food choices/retail for new developments? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you supported Planners with the evidence base demonstrating benefits associated with physical and mental health and mental wellbeing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space Play, formal & informal recreation Allotments Access to healthy food Health investment/ infrastructure
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (Section 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you identified what, where and for who are vulnerabilities to significant impacts from pollution and noise (people and places)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you presented evidence Planners to enable them to plan for appropriate land use activities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenity Air and noise pollution
Plan-making evidence: Infrastructure (para 162)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you set out the infrastructure requirements for health and reflected in planning obligations/Community Infrastructure Levy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you supported Planners in engaging with the CCG/ NHS England? 	
Plan-making evidence: Health and wellbeing (para 171)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you identified and applied local health needs in justifying policies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> how you ensured the JSNA provides evidence in a format that can be used and referenced by Planners? 	
Monitoring and review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have you set out performance indicators/ targets for each health-relevant policy, and what health evidence have you linked to? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> are there synergies with PHOF indicators which can help planners with health impacts/ benefits? 	

Adapted from Town & Country Planning Association, July 2013, Reuniting Health with Planning, www.tcpa.org.uk/pages/reuniting-health-with-planning-healthier-homes-healthier-communities.html