



**Bassetlaw**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
— North Nottinghamshire —

# Rapid Health Impact Assessment Supplementary Planning Document

## **Consultation Statement**

November 2025

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The document has been prepared in order to demonstrate how the Council has followed the requirements of [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) in preparing and adopting the Council's Rapid Health Impact Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 1.2 SPDs were introduced as part of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The [Planning Policy Guidance](#) is clear that an SPD needs to add further detail to policies in the adopted Bassetlaw Local Plan and that they can be used to provide further guidance for development on particular issues. They are a material consideration for determining planning applications, albeit they do not form part of the development plan.
- 1.3 The Rapid Health Impact Assessment SPD provides further guidance for applicants and developers on how planning applications can address and satisfy requirements set out in the following Local Plan policy:
- Policy ST42: Promoting Healthy, Active Lifestyle
- 1.4 The SPD also assists local interpretation of relevant [National Planning Policy Framework](#) policy including promoting healthy and safe communities.

## 2. Local Plan Regulations and Habitats Regulations Assessment / Strategic Environmental Assessment Screenings

- 2.1 This consultation has been carried out in accordance with [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) (as amended). In line with Regulation 12(a), before adopting an SPD, a Local Planning Authority must prepare a statement setting out who was consulted when preparing the SPD, a summary of the main issues raised and how these issues have been addressed. This document is the Consultation Statement for the adopted SPD as required by Regulation 12(a).
- 2.2 Regulation 12(b) requires that the draft SPD must be published for a minimum of 4 weeks and that the Council specify the date by which representations must be made and the address to which they must be sent.
- 2.3 Regulation 35 requires the documents must be made available to the public at the principal office of the Council and other places the Council consider appropriate as well as publishing on the Council's website.
- 2.4 The Government's national [Planning Policy Guidance](#) states "SPDs do not require a sustainability appraisal but may in exceptional circumstances require a strategic environmental assessment if they are likely to have significant environmental effects that have not already been assessed during the preparation of the relevant strategic policies."
- 2.5 Every stage of the Bassetlaw [Local Plan's](#) preparation (from initial scoping through to Adoption) were subject to a comprehensive sustainability appraisal incorporating strategic environmental assessment with a number of changes to policies made to address each individual report's recommendations. The [Bassetlaw Local Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment \(2023\)](#) concluded that the policies in the Plan (either alone or in combination) would not impact on any of the European Sites either within, or in close proximity, to the Bassetlaw District.

2.6 As set out above, the SPD provides further guidance and detail to the relevant adopted [Local Plan](#) policies, and does not result in any significantly different effects over and above those already considered and assessed through the preparation of the recently adopted Local Plan and the relevant policies (listed above) which are the strategic policies that the SPD ‘hangs off’.

2.7 Nevertheless, and for completeness, an SEA Screening Assessment was undertaken prior to consultation with Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. All responded and confirmed that an SEA was not required.

### **3. Consultation Details**

3.1 Consultation on the draft SPD took place for a period of seven weeks from 23 July 2025 to 5pm on 11 September 2025. Consultation was in line with the Council’s [Statement of Community Involvement](#).

3.2 The draft SPD and response form were made available on the Council’s website and a hard copy was available to view during normal office hours at the Customer Service Desk at Bassetlaw District Council: Queen’s Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop, S80 2AH, at Retford Town Hall and Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall, and all libraries in the district.

3.3 Consultation comments were invited by email to [planningpolicy@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@bassetlaw.gov.uk), via an online form on the Council’s website: [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk) or by post via: Planning Policy, Queen’s Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop, S80 2AH.

### **4. Who was Consulted?**

4.1 In accordance with the Local Planning Regulations, all those persons and organisations who had signed up to the Council’s Planning Policy database were contacted via email/letter, including those listed in Appendix 2 of the [Statement of Community Involvement](#), were notified of the consultation. This includes town and parish councils, residents, landowners, developers, statutory consultees and other local planning authorities.

4.2 At the close of the consultation, the Council had received responses from 2 organisations.

### **5. What Were the Main Issues Raised During Consultation?**

5.1 [Appendix 1](#) sets out in more detail a summary of the issues that were raised and how they have been addressed; as well as a limited number of changes to the SPD where considered appropriate.

5.2 The main issues raised are as follows:

- Nottinghamshire County Council requested that reference be made to the Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework 2025-2030 instead of the NCC Public Health team.
- NHS Property Services requested that additional references be made for completeness e.g. Government’s 10 year health plan, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB Estates and Integrated Care Strategy
- NHS Property Services suggested better signposting to health statistics, such as to, Nottinghamshire Insight and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment dashboard.

- NHS Property Services asked that the Rapid HIA be changed to ask applicants to demonstrate how submitted documents have taken onboard the HIA recommendations and to also say where additional measures are required e.g. developer contributions or design codes
- NHS Property Services asked that the Rapid HIA ensure that impacts on each population group is considered by theme
- NHS Property Services asked that the Rapid HIA include consideration of affordable housing for key workers including NHS workers.
- NHS Property Services asked that the Rapid HIA be changed to demonstrate how design quality and healthy homes are being achieved by meeting the Healthy Bassetlaw accreditation scheme.

Appendix 1 – Summary of Consultation Responses and Changes Made to the SPD

Name/ Organisation	Content Summary	BDC Response	SPD Amendments
<p><b>Nottinghamshire County Council</b></p>	<p>NCC welcomes the approach taken in this draft SPD, which is structured to align with the Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework 2025-2030, thereby ensuring uniformity across districts while permitting local adaptations. This approach is referenced in Section 1.4 of the draft SPD as shaping workstreams and informing planning policy engagement within Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>For consistency, it is suggested that Section 7.2 maintains the reference to the Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework 2025-2030, as in Section 1.4, by removing the statement regarding 'Nottinghamshire County Council's Public Health team in their HIA'.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, have noted the proposed amendments.</p>	<p>Section 7.2:</p> <p>Replace:</p> <p><del>Nottinghamshire County Council's Public Health team in their HIA.</del></p> <p>With:</p> <p><u>the Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework 2025-2030.</u></p>
<p><b>NHS Property Services</b></p>	<p>Section 2 health and wellbeing in Bassetlaw: NHSPS suggests that the HIA can better signpost to the dynamic Nottinghamshire JSNA Dashboard so that planning applicants can use the most up to date health needs assessment to inform their assessment. Much of Section 2 may become out of date or need regular revisions depending on the County's health intelligence. The JSNA should be the main source of health information as required by the NPPF Para 96 c). This is in line with the Government's focus on digital planning and more efficient and effective use of data to inform policies and decisions. Recommend that Section 2 of the SPD is reduced down with a clear signposting to Nottinghamshire Insight and JSNA dashboard.</p> <p>On the Use of the HIA Agree with the statement in Section 6 that the HIA is most effective when used to inform the design of the scheme. However this is not reflected in the Rapid HIA checklist final column which asks applicants to recommend measures to mitigate identified impacts. This final column should be to ask applicants to demonstrate how the submitted documents have taken onboard the HIA recommendations then where additional measures are required such as through mechanisms such as developer contributions or design codes, these can be identified. The completed Rapid HIA is most useful to the LPA in validating improved designs based on the HIA process. Suggest the final to be reworded to say: "Explain how the identified impacts have been addressed in the design and what additional enhancement actions to the proposal will be considered and through what mechanism".</p> <p>Note the HIA process of six stages that follow existing good practice. But it is not clear in the rest of the SPD how this stage of the HIA process will be carried out after the HIA submitted to the Council. Providing details on this will provide planning applicants clarity and certainty. Suggest the SPD should explain how the review will be carried out and who will be responsible, ie the planning officer or the County public health team.</p> <p>Agree that the Rapid HIA needs to identify specific population groups and their impacts in Section 2 of the checklist. However, each group may have different impacts under different topics. Therefore Section 2 would</p>	<p>Section 2: To ensure that the health statistics do not become out of date and to provide background context to advise developers on current health issues links to additional evidence is supported.</p> <p>On the Use of the HIA: A RHIA aims to provide a concise but succinct approach to delivering healthy place making. The purpose of the RHIA is to provide a localised version of the Nottinghamshire County Council Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework (NSPHF) and to follow good practice recognised by the NSPHF from elsewhere. This means using the same structure.</p> <p>It is agreed that providing further detail about the assessment of the HIA will provide greater transparency for users. Amendments will be made accordingly.</p> <p>Population Groups: The aim of this HIA is to provide a rapid assessment. Consideration of population groups by theme/topic would be more appropriate for a comprehensive HIA.</p> <p>Housing Quality &amp; Design: The Council's Affordable Housing SPD gives more information about different types of affordable housing, local needs and how local connection criteria will be used where relevant including for Key Workers.</p> <p>The Council's District Wide Design Code gives more detailed information about how new housing is expected to be designed in the district. This is referenced as evidence for Housing Quality &amp; Design. This is locally specific guidance and is considered appropriate for applicants to refer to when designing healthy and well-designed developments. The Healthy Bassetlaw accreditation scheme is not currently being progressed.</p>	<p>Paragraph 2.7: Add new last sentence: The starting point for identifying ward-specific impacts can be found at <a href="#">Home - Nottinghamshire Insight</a> and the Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment via <a href="#">Home - Nottinghamshire Insight</a>.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.1, Section 3: The starting point for identifying ward-specific impacts is <a href="#">Home - Nottinghamshire Insight</a> and the Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment via <a href="#">Home - Nottinghamshire Insight</a>.</p> <p>Use of the HIA, Paragraph 8.1, add new Section 5:</p> <p>Section 5 – Identify indicators and mechanisms to monitor health impacts throughout all stages of the development. This could include responding to comments made at pre-application/application stage.</p> <p>Add new paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4 to explain how the Council will review the RHIA.</p> <p>6.3 Each Rapid HIA will be assessed by a Planning Policy Officer to ensure that it is compliant with the requirements in Part 2 of Policy ST42 in the Local Plan and the guidance set out in this SPD. To ensure an independent assessment is undertaken this officer will not be involved in</p>

	<p>be more effective if it is required under each topic than as a whole so that assessments can clearly be linked to identified groups. This point also links with the first Rapid HIA topic on Health Inequalities.</p> <p>Housing Quality and Design - note that the criteria under this topic primarily relate to provision of housing need and affordable housing. There is an opportunity for more specific consideration of affordable housing for key workers include relevant NHS workers. This is in line with recommendations by the NHS Homes Alliance on delivering NHS homes, and the work of NHSPS to encourage provision of NHS homes where the need is identified. Suggest specific mention of NHS key workers is included as part of assessing impact on affordable housing provision and appropriate allocation and design of such housing to be tenure-neutral.</p> <p>Note relevant guidance on housing quality and design. But none of the criteria relate to demonstrating how design quality and healthy homes are being achieved by meeting the identified relevant guidance. There should be a clear signposting to Healthy Bassetlaw. But NHSPS has been unable to find further details in the Local Plan to a Healthy Bassetlaw accreditation scheme. There is merit in Bassetlaw and wider Nottinghamshire in adopting the Essex approach with its established Livewell healthy development accreditation scheme which is implemented through the use of HIAs. Suggest that an additional criteria or wording is included to encourage applicants to meet established guidance or good practices on designing healthy and well-designed developments, such as Building for a Healthy Life.</p> <p>On Access to Healthcare Services - note and commends the mention to consider impact on primary care from housing developments. But there is a number of significant omissions that may prevent or not provide sufficient guidance to applicants when assessing impact on health infrastructure. Suggest there needs to be specific reference to the integrated care strategy and estates strategy produced by each Integrated Care Board (ICB) namely the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System. The NPPF Paragraph 98 b) requires planning decisions to take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social well-being. Also suggest there needs to be a specific guidance to consult with the ICB when assessing the impact on primary care and wider healthcare provision, and leading to agreement for securing contributions to meet needs. The PPG on healthy and safe communities requires discussion with NHS bodies on implications of development on health and care infrastructure. The PPG further advises that the director of public health can be the first point of contact in reaching relevant health bodies. Suggest that NHSPS can support NHS engagement given our remit in supporting the NHS on town planning matters.</p> <p>Recognise assessing for health provision is complex and it may not be the aim of the HIA to provide detailed information about the assessment of need. But there needs to be a wider recognition in undertaking the HIA of the Government's focus in the 10 Year Health Plan on integrated neighbourhood health provision than just primary care. This shift in</p>	<p>Access to Healthcare Services: The Council's Planning Obligations SPD provides more details on how the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) can request developer contributions to provide and improve primary healthcare facilities (GP surgeries) in the District. For clarity, reference to the Planning Obligations SPD will be provided in the relevant guidance.</p> <p>For completeness references to identified NHS strategies and the Government's 10 Year Health Plan will be made.</p>	<p>assessing the wider planning policy merits of the application.</p> <p>Within the Rapid HIA add the following new evidence links to inform Question 3: Access to Healthcare Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bassetlaw Planning Obligations SPD</li> <li>• Joint capital resource use plan 2025/26</li> <li>• <a href="#">NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England</a></li> </ul>
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	<p>provision should be highlighted to planning applicants when engaging with and undertaking the HIA.</p> <p>In this context, recommend including the following revised text under Relevant evidence/ guidance: <i>NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board integrate care strategy and estate strategy</i>. Criterion 5: "Does the proposal address the impact of the new housing on primary healthcare services <i>by engaging with the integrated care board and agreeing appropriate health provision?</i>".</p>		
<b>National Highways</b>	No comments	N/A	N/A
<b>The Coal Authority</b>	No comments	N/A	N/A
<b>EA</b>	No comments	N/A	N/A
<b>Historic England</b>	No comments	N/A	N/A
<b>Natural England</b>	No comments	N/A	N/A