

# South Warwickshire Local Plan

## Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Screening

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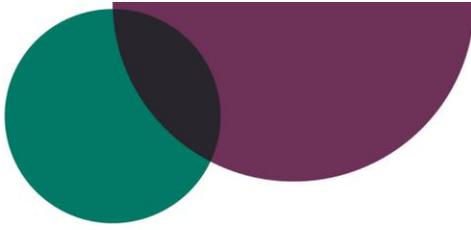
#### What is a HIA?

A HIA puts people and health at the centre of the planning process and identifies impacts that any plan or project may have on health and wellbeing. Further, a HIA helps to support the planning system by identifying local health and wellbeing needs and tackling inequalities through influencing the wider determinants of health. A range of measures will be identified and recommended within a HIA in order to maximise the positive impacts, minimise the negative impacts and reduce health inequalities.

#### Stage 1 – Screening Stage

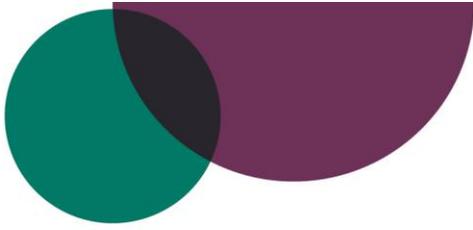
The first stage in the Health Impact Assessment process is to determine whether or not a full Health Impact Assessment is required. This is the screening stage. There are a series of questions in order to help inform this decision and if the answer to any of the initial screening questions is 'yes' a Health Impact Assessment will be required.

An initial assessment of key issues has been undertaken by the South Warwickshire Local Plan project team which follows 12 themes as set out in the Wheel of Sustainability. Health is one of the 12 themes for which a number of key issues have been identified. Therefore, the evidence collated during this exercise has helped to inform the initial Health Impact screening exercise and answer the questions around whether the Plan is likely to impact on health.



Screening Question	No If there will be no health impact, provide brief explanation	Yes If there will be health impact(s), provide brief explanation
<p><b>Will the Plan have a direct impact on health, mental health and well-being?</b></p> <p>E.g, will it affect social inclusion, cause ill health, mental health and well-being</p> <p>Will any socioeconomic groups or equalities groups be particularly affected?</p>		<p>Yes, the policies will address issues that could lead to health impacts such as accessibility, design of communities, air pollution and infrastructure requirements. Whilst the Plan is unlikely to have an adverse impact on particular groups specifically, consultation and engagement with some groups at an early stage could be challenging, e.g engaging younger people.</p>
<p><b>Will the Plan have an impact on social, economic, environmental living conditions affecting health?</b></p> <p>E.g. will it affect housing, transport, child development, education, employment opportunities, green space or climate change?</p>		<p>Yes, the policies will address issues such as the design and quality of housing and employment, the amount of housing and employment, location of housing and employment as well as issues such as accessibility to key services, open space, recreational facilities, heritage and culture.</p>
<p><b>Will the Plan affect an individual's ability to improve their own health and well-being?</b></p> <p>E.g. will it affect their ability to be physically active, choose healthy food, reducing drinking and smoking?</p>		<p>Yes, the policies in the Plan will look at connectivity, accessibility to open space and recreational facilities, allotments, design, infrastructure (including health, education, green and blue infrastructure, utilities etc) and ensuring this is in place in a timely manner prior to homes being occupied. All of these will have an impact on an individual's ability to improve health and wellbeing.</p>





<p><b>Will there be a change in demand for or access to health and social care services?</b></p> <p>E.g. Primary care, hospital care, community services, mental health, social services</p>		<p>Yes, additional housing will inevitably lead to an increase in population numbers thus leading to a demand for access to services which places pressure on existing services. However, consideration should also be given to changing technology such as broadband which could alter the future way in which health services are accessed. This could reduce the need for a number of people to physically access services where they may be able to do this online instead.</p>
<p><b>Will the Plan have an impact on global health?</b></p>		<p>Yes. The cumulative impact of Local Authorities producing a Local Plan could have a positive impact on health by addressing issues such as climate change.</p>

