

# **Health Impact Assessment Toolkit**

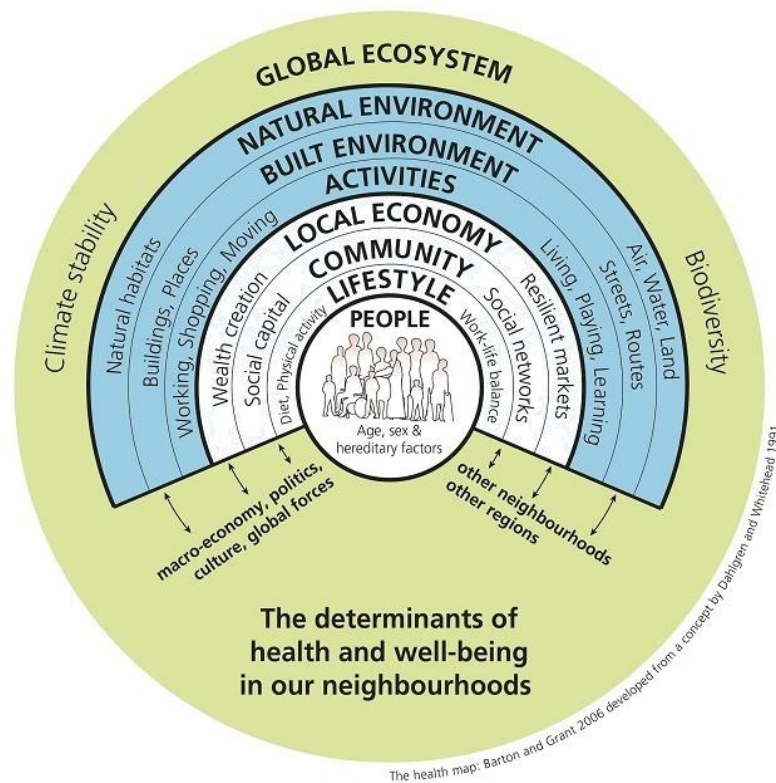
## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this toolkit is to provide clear guidance on undertaking a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on relevant development proposals. A HIA is a requirement for certain developments in the wider Bootle area as set within the Bootle Area Action Plan (see 3.3 below). It is also recommended that this toolkit can also be used on development proposals outside the Bootle area to demonstrate that health considerations have been taken account of.
- 1.2 This toolkit aims to describe the process for carrying out a Desktop HIA and how it fits with the planning application process.

### **What is a Health Impact Assessment?**

- 1.3 A Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a combination of processes, methods and tools used to systematically judge the potential, and sometimes unintended, effects of a proposed project, plan or policy on the health of a population and the distribution of those effects within the population. As this description suggests, it is appropriate and can be useful to think of HIA as a methodology. The HIA also produces recommendations to enhance the health benefits of the project/policy/program and to mitigate potential harms, with arrangements for monitoring. When applied in the planning system, a HIA puts people at the heart of the process.
- 1.4 A range of social, economic, environmental and cultural factors influence health and wellbeing and are the focus of a HIA. These factors are identified in figure 1 below. Wider (non-local) factors can influence other issues that can ultimately impact on people's health.
- 1.5 There is a strong relationship between the built environment and health. The places where we are born, grow, live, and work can be both harmful and protective for our health and wellbeing. Clean air, good quality housing, access to high-quality parks and green and blue spaces, affordable public transport, shops, and arts and cultural opportunities, school and health services all make a difference to our physical and mental health.
- 1.6 Making health-promoting improvements to the built environment is core to improving health and wellbeing for populations, and since large numbers of people stand to benefit this type of change is also very cost-effective over time. The scope and scale of opportunities to make places healthier is typically greatest where preventable health conditions are most prevalent. However, this does not mean that HIA is only reserved for

the most deprived neighbourhoods. A universal but proportionate approach is the best for improving health for all as well as reducing health inequality.



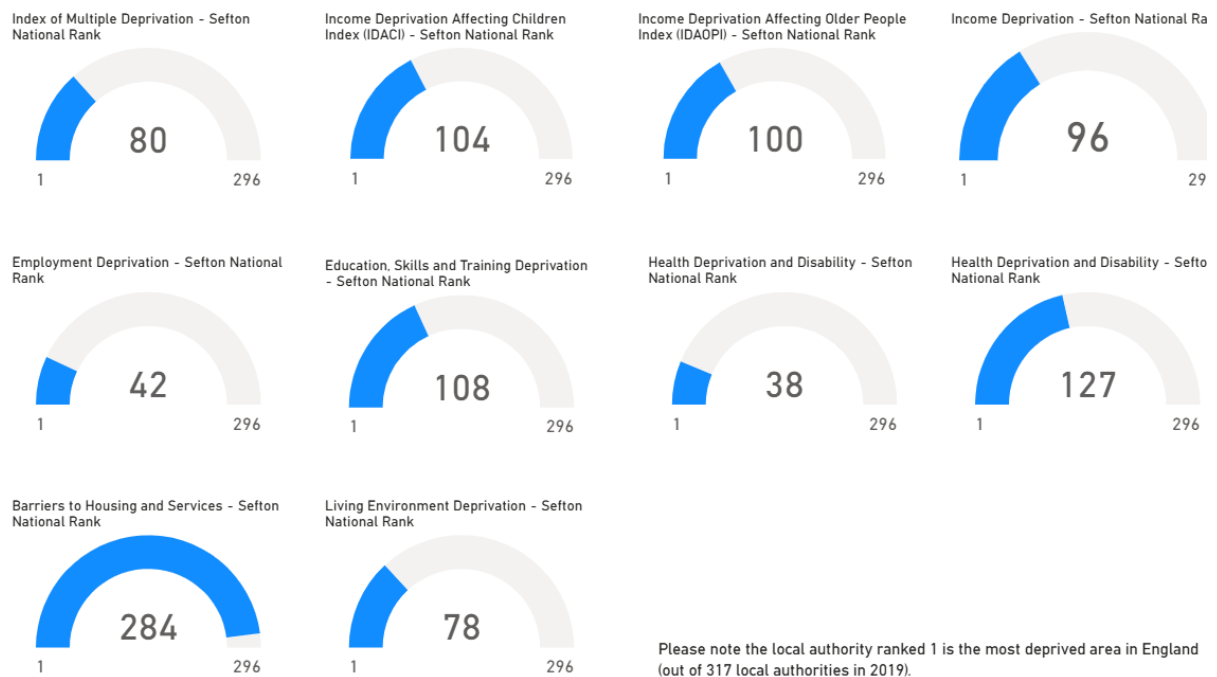
**Figure 1 The Determinants of Health and Wellbeing in our Neighbourhoods.**

## 2.0 Local Context for Health Impact Assessment

2.1 Sefton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2026-2031 sets out that improving health and wellbeing is a corporate priority and system-wide for Sefton. The vision for Sefton in this strategy is 'a confident and connected borough that offers the things we all need to start, live and age well, where everyone has a fair chance of a positive and healthier future'.

2.2 The 2025 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) shows that Sefton is ranked 80<sup>th</sup> in the country for deprivation (out of 296 authorities), an improvement since 2019 when the Borough was ranked 58<sup>th</sup>. Looking at the borough as a whole hides the clear differences between areas, with some neighbourhoods experiencing wealth and opportunity while others face poverty and disadvantage.

2.3 Figure 2 below shows Sefton's ranking across each domain.



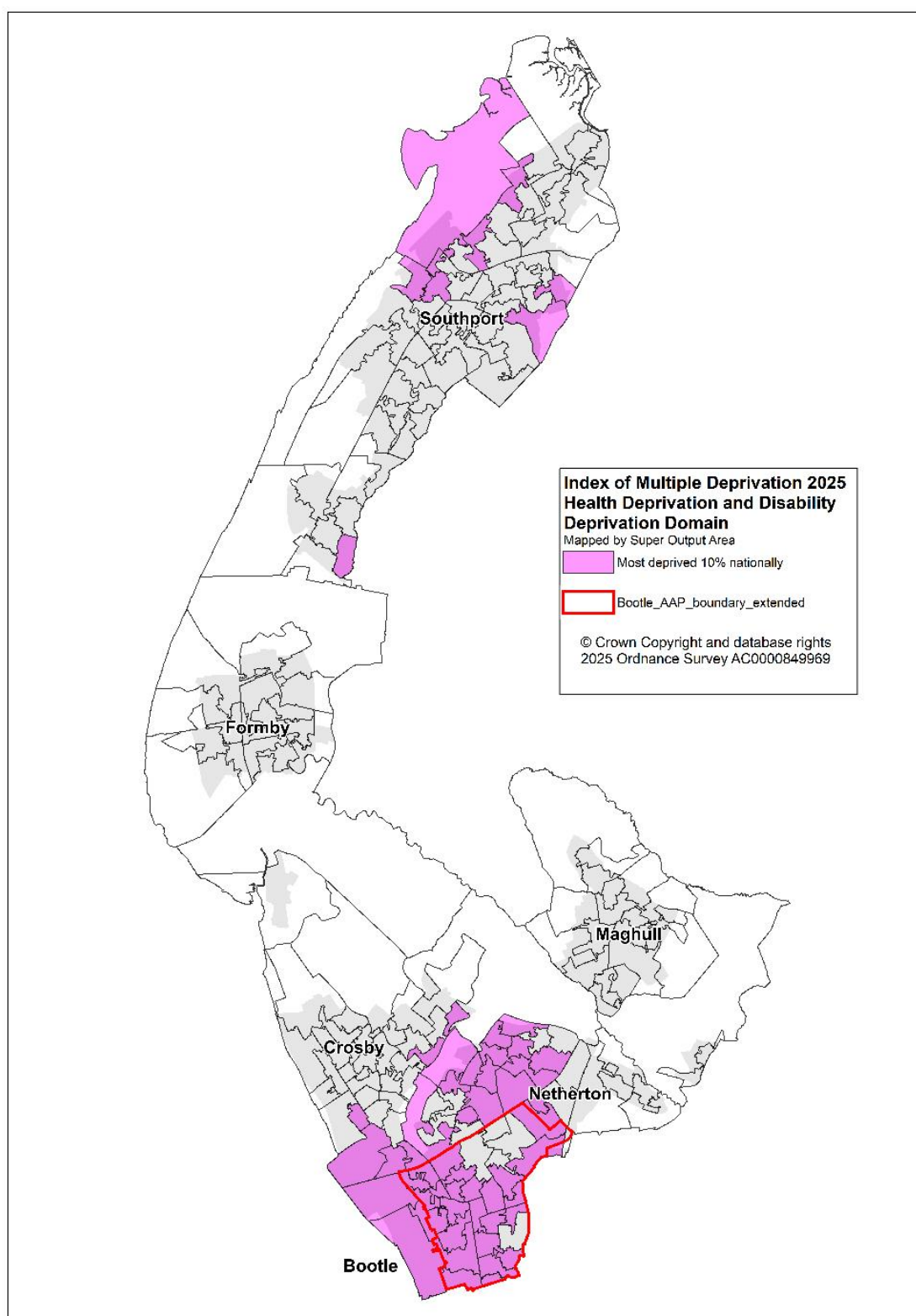
**Figure 2 Index of Multiple Deprivation and sub-domains, Sefton's rankings**

2.4 The category in which Sefton ranks highest in levels of deprivation is Health & Disability, ranking 38<sup>th</sup> most deprived in this category in the country. This reflects both the larger than average proportion of older people living in Sefton and longstanding health inequalities.

2.5 The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2025) shows that 25.6% of Sefton's population lives within the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in England. This is a decrease since 2019 when 30.5% of Sefton's population were in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods. Five wards within the Borough were among the top 10% most

deprived in England, with Linacre, located within the Bootle Area Action Plan area, ranked 10<sup>th</sup> overall (out of 6,785).

- 2.6 Figure 3 highlights the Sefton neighbourhoods that are ranked amongst the most deprived 10% nationally in the domain of Health Deprivation and Disability. Most of the Bootle Area Action Plan area is comprised of neighbourhoods in this category. Life expectancy at birth varies by 11.6 years in men and 11.1 years in women from the most to least areas deprived areas of Sefton.



**Figure 3** Sefton Health Deprivation and Disability Deprivation

2.7 The [Sefton Local Insight Tool](#) shows the significant spatial variation in reported health, rates of ill-health and the influence of positive and negative health determinants.

Some of this variation is also associated with differences in the demographic profiles of neighbourhoods across Sefton.

- 2.8 In Sefton, there is a strong relationship between obesity and deprivation, with obesity rates typically higher in the more deprived areas of the Borough.
- 2.9 The proportion of adults living with obesity has increased in Sefton compared to before the pandemic, with the Borough now being significantly worse than the national average.
- 2.10 Obesity prevalence in children at both Reception and Year 6 age is above the national average for 2024-25, with 24.7% of children aged 10 to 11 years classified as living with obesity.

**3.0 Policy Context**

**National Planning Policy Context**

- 3.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out that ‘planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places’.
- 3.2 The National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) provides guidance on how local planning authorities can promote healthy and safe communities. The NPPG defines a healthy place as ‘one which supports and promotes healthy behaviours and environments and a reduction in health inequalities for people of all ages. It will provide the community with opportunities to improve their physical and mental health, and support community engagement and wellbeing.’ The guidance sets out that ‘a health impact assessment is a useful tool to use where there are expected to be several [health and wellbeing] impacts’.

**Local Policy Context**

- 3.3 Bootle Area Action Plan policy BAAP10 ‘Healthy Bootle’ sets out that ‘development should maximise opportunities to improve quality of life to make it easier for people in Bootle to lead healthy, active lifestyles’, introducing the requirement for a Health Impact Assessment for development proposals that meet the threshold.
- 3.4 In accordance with Bootle Area Action Plan policy BAAP10 ‘Healthy Bootle’, all development meeting the threshold set out below will be expected to submit a Health Impact Assessment.

| Development | Threshold for HIA |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Residential | 30+ dwellings     |

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| Hotels, Residential Institution, General Industrial; Storage or Distribution; Commercial, Business and Service; Sui generis uses | Buildings of 1,000m <sup>2</sup> or site area of 1 hectare or more |
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#### **4.0 Health Impact Assessment Process**

- 4.1 Health Impact Assessments are intended to put health and people at the heart of the development process. Without wanting to introduce an overly onerous process that would slow down the development process, the Council proposes that most proposals that exceed the thresholds set out above will have to complete a desktop assessment using the template provided in Appendix A.
- 4.2 Health Impact Assessments should be proportionate to the proposed development and designed for the development in question. On very large schemes (see below), we would expect a more rigorous, comprehensive HIA to be undertaken. A comprehensive HIA is more in-depth than a desktop HIA and can take months to complete. More information on what the Council would expect to see included in a comprehensive HIA is included below (see 5.7).
- 4.3 The thresholds for the very large schemes that are expected to use a comprehensive HIA process are:
- 200 dwellings or more
  - Buildings with floorspace of 10,000m<sup>2</sup> or more
  - Sites of 10 hectares or more (if dwelling numbers or floorspace is not known/relevant)
- 4.4 It is considered that for most of the development coming forward in Bootle a desktop HIA will be most suitable, for which the Council has provided this note. A desktop HIA exercise can take from a few hours to a couple of days and can encompass a small number of participants around a table using existing knowledge and evidence to assess a proposal, policy or plan.
- 4.5 Where a comprehensive HIA is required, applicants must consult the Public Health team to develop a plan of how the HIA will be carried out, including agreement of the format of the HIA, and the public consultation that will take place. Applicants for schemes that do not meet the threshold are also encouraged to engage the Public Health team to improve the quality and outcomes of their HIA.
- 4.6 When completing the HIA tool, developers should consider the health impacts throughout the construction period (e.g. noise and air pollution, loss of green and open space, and loss of walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure), as well as of the proposed development when completed and in use.

- 4.7 The Council will apply a proportionate review process, focusing on developments with higher potential health impacts. HIAs will be reviewed using established assurance review frameworks such as the [Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit framework for HIA](#). This same framework can be used by the author of the HIAs to ensure that the HIA is of high quality.

## 5.0 Completing a Health Impact Assessment

- 5.1 The Council have created a flowchart outlining the steps to complete a Desktop HIA, shown in Appendix A. Furthermore, whilst the [HUDU HIA tool](#) provides guidance on undertaking a Rapid HIA as opposed to a Desktop HIA, the stages set out on pages 13-17 provide further guidance on completing a HIA.
- 5.2 The table in Appendix B shows the themes that the Council would expect to be addressed by applicants in a desktop Health Impact Assessment. The applicant should go through each of the themes and determine for each theme whether the proposal would affect the health issue (either negatively or positively). The list of themes provided is **not exhaustive** and is instead a minimum for what the Council would expect to see considered. All themes should be considered in any HIA submitted, even if it is only to state why it is not of concern.
- 5.3 Applicants are encouraged to complete any desktop HIA using the toolkit provided in this document. The assessment should provide commentary, supported by evidence, on the effect of each of the health issues and how negative impacts can be removed or reduced and positive impacts increased. As previously stated, all themes should be considered for each of the key elements (*e.g. phases of development, infrastructure elements, built form, open space etc.*) of the project, even if it is only to state why it is not of concern. It will be helpful if the assessment includes plain English and uses maps and charts with text descriptors where appropriate to make it more accessible.
- 5.4 As already stated, it is not the intention of the Council to introduce an onerous process that would slow the development process down. A **desktop assessment** should therefore draw on existing knowledge and evidence, using checklists or templates which provide a broad overview of potential health impacts.
- 5.5 Evidence included in the HIA report should include reference to the relevant site plans to demonstrate how the proposed development seeks to address each of the identified health issues, whether to mitigate negative impacts or accentuate positive ones. Sources for data could include, but not limited to, Council documents, such as the Health and Wellbeing strategy<sup>1</sup>, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Health Profiles provided by the Department of Health and Social Care<sup>2</sup>. Where

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<sup>1</sup> [Business Intelligence, Insight, & Performance](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

relevant, developers should also include policy compliance in their report, reflecting policies at both a local and national level, in addition to any SPDs.

- 5.6 HIAs should include a brief description of who is completing the HIA, including their relevant qualifications and experience. The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) provide [guidance](#) about competencies for health impact assessments.

## **Completing a Comprehensive Health Impact Assessment**

- 5.7 As set out in paragraph 4.3, very large schemes are required to complete a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment.
- 5.8 A comprehensive HIA is a continuum of a desktop assessment, with a higher intensity of required resources, evidence reviews and stakeholder engagement. A comprehensive assessment involves comprehensive analysis of all potential health and wellbeing impacts, which may include quantitative and qualitative information, data from health needs assessments, reviews of the evidence base and community engagement.
- 5.9 Comprehensive HIAs should be completed using the [HUDU HIA format](#), including the tables where responses are entered against each criterion. In order to apply this format to a localised Sefton context, those undertaking a comprehensive HIA should engage with the Council's Public Health team.

## **6.0 Useful Information**

### **Key Contacts**

[Planning.department@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.department@sefton.gov.uk)

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### **Further Contacts**

[Force.ALU@Merseyside.police.uk](mailto:Force.ALU@Merseyside.police.uk)

### **Helpful Resources**

- HUDU Planning for Health: Rapid Assessment Tool: [HUDU Rapid HIA Tool October 2019](#)

- Sefton Local Insights: [Map | Local Insight](#)
- Sefton Joint Strategic Needs Assessments: [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\)](#)
- Sefton Neighbourhood Health Profiles: [Neighbourhood Health Profiles](#)
- DHSC: Fingertips: Public Health Profiles: [Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

## **Pre-application Advice**

[Pre-application advice on development proposals](#)

## Appendix A: Key Steps

| Step                    | Key Actions and Consideration                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1. The Development      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe proposal, site and scale and operational phases.</li></ul>                                                                  |
| 2. The Local Context    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review population data, inequalities, local priorities and assets</li><li>Consider the national and local planning context</li></ul> |
| 3. Review Health Themes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Work through all themes; identify affected groups; consider equality impacts.</li></ul>                                              |
| 4. Assess Impacts       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess positive, negative, short and long-term impacts</li></ul>                                                                     |
| 5. Design Responses     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify mitigation, enhancement opportunities and design changes where applicable.</li></ul>                                        |
| 6. Record Findings      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete template with a summary of key findings including proposed mitigations and enhancements</li></ul>                           |
| 7. Submit HIA           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Submit assessment and supporting evidence.</li></ul>                                                                                 |

## Appendix B: HIA Template

| Theme                                                                     | Health Issue                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Key questions                                                                                                                                                           | Details/Evidence | Potential Health Impact                      | Recommended mitigation or enhancement actions |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Access to health and social care services and other social infrastructure | Population increases associated with new developments will increase pressure on public services, which are important for both physical and mental health (e.g. education, health, cultural and leisure services) | Will the proposal have a direct impact on public services (e.g. GP surgeries or schools)? If so, which ones and how will this impact be mitigated?                      |                  | Positive<br>Negative<br>Neutral<br>Uncertain |                                               |
|                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Does the development have the potential to impact social care services?                                                                                                 |                  |                                              |                                               |
|                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | How can the development enable access to practices supporting people to engage in activities to improve their mental and physical health e.g. green social prescribing? |                  |                                              |                                               |
| Promoting physical activity and active travel                             | Regular physical activity has been shown to mitigate the health impacts of obesity as well as reduce the risk of various conditions including cardiovascular disease and some cancers. It has been               | How will the development promote cycling, walking and wheeling?                                                                                                         |                  |                                              |                                               |
|                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | How will the development retain and enhance access to walking and wheeling routes, including canal towpaths and                                                         |                  |                                              |                                               |

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|                        | <p>shown to benefit mental health.</p> <p>Good, well-lit, attractive and tree-lined routes to local shops and services can encourage people to walk or cycle short trips, and connect to other walking routes.</p> <p>Safe, accessible, and attractive green and blue spaces and infrastructure, open space, amenity space, and play space are also important in encouraging physical activity.</p> | Public Rights of Way, where appropriate?                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                         |                                               |
|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Does the proposal minimise the need to travel and support sustainable travel?                                                                                                                 |                  |                         |                                               |
|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | How will the development link to existing public transport networks to widen access to services and opportunities for groups with limited ability or access to private vehicles?              |                  |                         |                                               |
|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Does the public realm allow all people to move easily between buildings and places, including consideration for people with mobility problems or a disability to access buildings and places? |                  |                         |                                               |
|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | How does the development promote access to safe, accessible, and attractive green and blue spaces, including the canal network?                                                               |                  |                         |                                               |
|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | What open space/play space will be provided on-site? How will open space/play space be designed and located in a way that is inclusive and accessible to those who need it the most?          |                  |                         |                                               |
| Air Quality, noise and | During the construction phase, both air quality and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | What measures will be put in place to mitigate the adverse                                                                                                                                    |                  |                         |                                               |

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| impact on neighbourhood amenity | noise are likely to increase which can affect people living or working near the site.<br><br>Developments can maximise the quality of air inside the building and immediately outside. Noise is a recognised nuisance in many circumstances, in addition to vibration.                                                                           | impacts of air quality, noise and vibration during demolition/construction?                                                                                                                                   |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Does the design minimise exposure to sources of air and noise pollution for future and existing inhabitants? How can the use of vegetation and trees be used to help achieve this goal?                       |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Are there any land contamination issues affected with the site?                                                                                                                                               |                  |                         |                                               |
| Healthy Food Environment        | A poor diet is associated with obesity in younger children, and obesity, chronic illness and early death in adults.<br><br>Opportunities for food growing, ranging from opportunities on balconies and gardens to the provision of allotments, can promote access to healthy food and can help to improve physical activity and social cohesion. | Does the proposal include opportunities to increase access to healthy food?                                                                                                                                   |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Will the proposal promote healthy eating and how will access to unhealthy eating be mitigated?                                                                                                                |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Does the proposal provide opportunities for food growing in private and public spaces e.g. including fruit and nut trees in landscaping, provision of community orchards, allotments, fruit trees in gardens? |                  |                         |                                               |

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| Social inclusion and mental health | <p>Inclusive neighbourhoods are those that encourage members of a community to interact with each other, helping reduce social isolation.</p> <p>Developments should consider how they can integrate with the existing environment and communities.</p> <p>Community facilities can be particularly important in promoting social inclusions as well as offering a range of important services. If a community facility is proposed to be lost, its impact on the community should be considered.</p> | Does the development seek to deliver flexible public spaces, streets and buildings that provide opportunity for social interaction?                                             |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | How will the proposal promote the integration of existing and new communities and promote social interaction?                                                                   |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Will the proposal result in the loss of a community asset? If so, what alternatives for existing provision of this asset already exists and how accessible is this alternative? |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Will the proposal improve access to nature?                                                                                                                                     |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Will the proposal improve the accessibility and quality of green and blue spaces and infrastructure?                                                                            |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Where appropriate, has the proposal considered design elements to minimise the risk of suicide (e.g. barriers around public roof top areas, or barriers/netting on bridges)     |                  |                         |                                               |
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| Climate change adaptation and mitigation | <p>Developments can exacerbate the impacts of climate change, for example increasing urban heating or flood risk. This can have negative implications for the population, including for its most vulnerable.</p> <p>New developments must consider that climate change will lead to more extreme weather including extreme heat as well as cold.</p> | How will the proposals ensure that developments are able to adapt to extreme heat and cold?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Is the proposal in a Flood Risk Zone, or will it lead to an increase in surface water run-off? If so, how will this be mitigated?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | How will proposals increase biodiversity and enhance green and blue, and open spaces?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Does the proposal integrate design features including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designing ventilation systems for efficient heating and cooling</li> <li>• Using energy-efficient lighting and appliances</li> <li>• Installing water-saving plumbing fixtures</li> <li>• Landscaping with native vegetation and passive solar energy</li> <li>• Minimising harm to the natural habitat</li> </ul> |                  |                         |                                               |
|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Are any buildings, including dwellings, energy efficient?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                         |                                               |

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| Healthy Housing         | Our indoor environment has a significant impact on our health. Housing with inadequate ventilation or insulation can result in damp, mould, cold or overheating indoors.                     | Does the proposal comprise accessible and adaptable dwellings?                                     |                  |                         |                                               |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Does the proposal comprise the optimum internal space standards, orientation and layout?           |                  |                         |                                               |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Does the proposal meet the affordable housing and dwelling mix?                                    |                  |                         |                                               |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Does the development provide housing choices for people as they age or have different care needs?  |                  |                         |                                               |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | How will the proposal ensure that development has adequate ventilation to prevent damp and mould?  |                  |                         |                                               |
| Employment and Training | Work is good for physical and mental health and wellbeing. Job security and simply having a job can increase health and wellbeing as well as making it easier to pursue a healthy lifestyle. | Does the proposal create jobs for local people?                                                    |                  |                         |                                               |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Does the proposal promote the upskilling of local people?                                          |                  |                         |                                               |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Will construction be offered locally (including through the use of contractors and subcontractors) |                  |                         |                                               |

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| Reducing Crime | <p>Crime, and the fear of crime, can have a huge impact on a victim's or witness' physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Developments can help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through crime-preventative design, such as ensuring streets are well-lit and receive "passive surveillance".</p> <p>Concentration of certain uses can promote anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Contact details for Merseyside Police Designing Out Crime team are included in Section 6 of this toolkit.</p> | <p>Does the proposal incorporate features to help deter crime and promote safety? How has the development helped to "design out" crime?</p> <p>Will the proposal lead to a concentration of uses in the local area that could give rise to anti-social behaviour?</p> |                  |                         |                                               |

