### Health Impact Assessments

Learning from real life project examples

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### Workshop Summary

- 1. Introduction to HIAs and how they are used in planning
- 2. Exercise 1: How can the built environment impact health and wellbeing?
- 3. Exercise 2: Undertaking a Rapid Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
- 4. Discussion and reflections



#### Growing interest in health and wellbeing



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#### Health in UK Planning





#### What is a Health Impact Assessment?

A combination of procedures, methods and tools by which a policy, programme or project may be judged as to its **potential effects on the health of a population**, and the **distribution of those effects** within the population

Source: WHO



### Our HIA Experience





#### HIA – A worked example



#### The Approach, Bristol Parkway South Gloucestershire Council

- 1. Understand local area (businesses and residents)
- 2. Consult with public health officer at SGC
- 3. Gather insights from other technical experts
- 4. Undertake assessment based on HUDU Rapid HIA Toolkit
- 5. Communicate key findings to client

This will help with Exercise 2!



# **Exercise 1**

How can the built environment impact health and wellbeing?

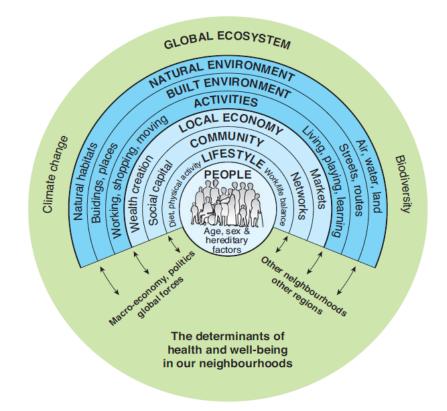


### How can the built environment impact health and wellbeing?

What aspects of the built environment affect our health and wellbeing? Highlight 3 characteristics where planning has the greatest influence

Remember – this includes social, economic and environmental factors!





Healthy Settlement Map Source: Hugh Barton & Marcus Grant



## **Exercise 2**

Undertaking a Rapid Health Impact Assessment (HIA)



#### Briefing: Your Role and Task

You are a planning officer working in a council where there is a policy requirement to undertake a HIA on major developments.

You are preparing for a pre-application meeting and you want to give the developer an indication of the most important health issues locally.

Task: Undertake a rapid HIA exercise to inform the pre-app meeting



#### Langford Bridge Road

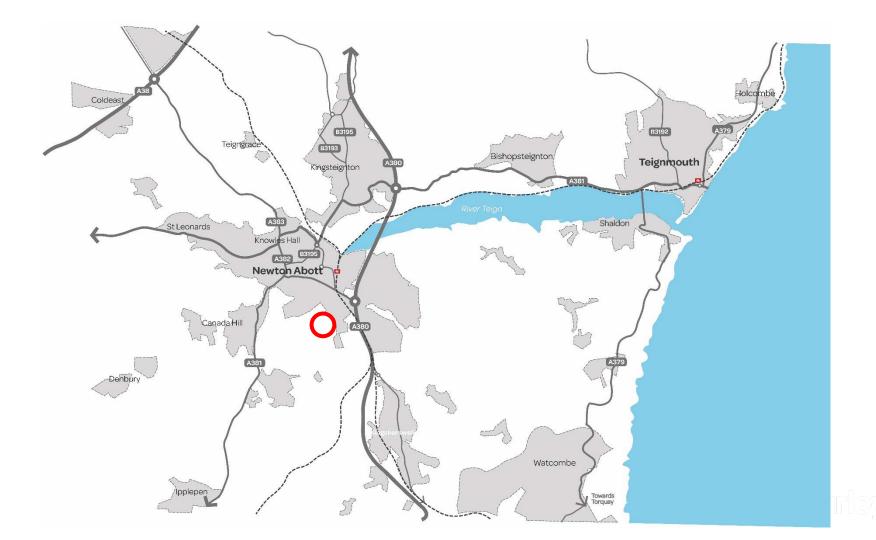
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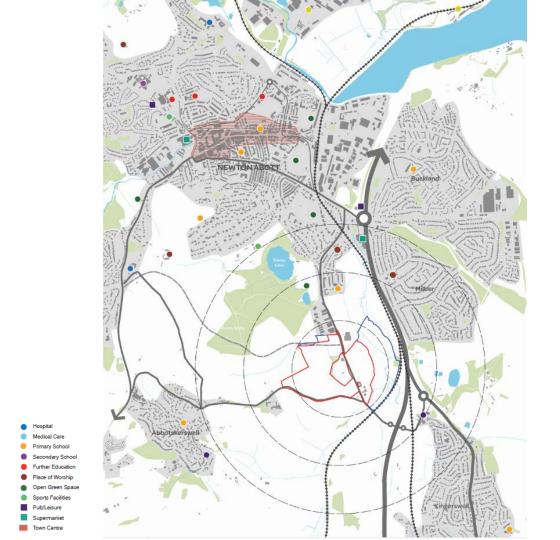
450 homes (20% affordable)

Local Centre (A1, A2, A3, D1, D2)

Mixture of B1, B2 and B8 employment uses



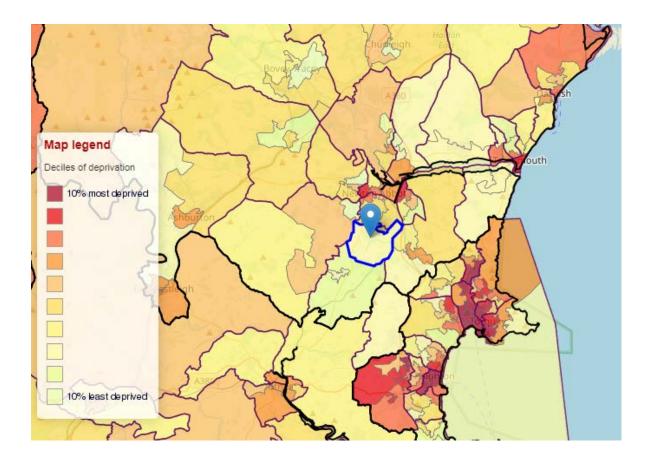




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#### Steps to undertake a Rapid HIA

Complete the HUDU Checklist to scope potential health impacts on existing and future residents

Other areas to consider:

- Additional expertise needed?
- Other information from the developer?

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- Positive contribution of the scheme?
- Health risks?

### Workshop Conclusion

- 1. Introduction to HIAs and how they are used in planning
- 2. Understand how the built environment can impact health and wellbeing
- 3. Understand the principles of a Rapid Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
- 4. Want to find out more?



# Thank You

#### For more information

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