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**Subject:** RE: 6/2022/1097/OUTLINE Land to the North of Bradmore Way, Bradmore Way, The Brookmans Estate, Brookmans Park Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except access, for up to 125 dwellings, a care facility for up to 60 bedrooms (Use Class C2)  
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Hello Christopher and Jessica,

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Public Health on planning application 6/2022/1097.

Please find Public Health's comments below.

For all development proposals Public Health recommends that applicants refer to the Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Planning Guidance<sup>[1]</sup>. This sets out our expectation of developers in terms of the delivery of healthy development and communities, and focusses on the principle of 'designing in' health and wellbeing as an essential part of the planning process, placing specific emphasis on active travel, multi-functional open space and high quality urban environments. We also recommend applicants refer to Public Health England's Spatial Planning for Health evidence resource<sup>[2]</sup>.

#### *Health Impact Assessment*

We recommend that a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is undertaken for developments in excess of 100 dwellings. Our view is that this is an essential assessment for any development proposal to demonstrate that it will not have negative implications for the physical health and mental wellbeing of both existing communities in the vicinity, as well as the future residents of the new development. An HIA can also be a tool through which to demonstrate the opportunities of a proposal and how a development has been positively planned.

In November 2019, Herts County Council adopted a HIA Position Statement including guidance on the quality assurance framework that will be used to assess HIAs that are submitted with planning applications. The HIA Position Statement and supporting appendices can be downloaded from the weblink below: [The role of Public Health in planning | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

We request that Public Health is consulted at the scoping stage of the HIA via [HealthyPlaces@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:HealthyPlaces@hertfordshire.gov.uk) to help ensure it focusses on the 'wider determinants of health'<sup>[1]</sup> and 'health inequalities'<sup>[2]</sup>. We are happy to discuss baseline information, data and intelligence that the HIA will need to utilise.

Kindest Regards

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[1] <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/public-health/hertfordshire-health-and-wellbeing-planning-guidance-may-2017.pdf>

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[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/625568/Spatial\\_planning\\_for\\_health\\_and\\_wellbeing\\_evidence\\_resource.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625568/Spatial_planning_for_health_and_wellbeing_evidence_resource.pdf)

[1] The wider determinants of health are a diverse range of social, economic and environmental factors which influence people's mental and physical health such as: air quality; noise; access to healthy food choices; movement and access; local economy and employment; education; neighbourhood and community spaces, play and recreation; housing and development design.

[2] A helpful definition of **Health inequalities** is "*... the unjust and avoidable differences in people's health across the population and between specific population groups... Health inequalities go against the principles of social justice because they are avoidable. They do not occur randomly or by chance. They are socially determined by circumstances largely beyond an individual's control. These circumstances disadvantage people and limit their chance to live longer, healthier lives*" (NHS Health Scotland, 2018).

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