

APPENDIX I: THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH, ADPH REPORT 2017. PROGRESS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

It has been over a year since the ADPH Report 2017 was published at the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2018. This is a relatively short-term in planning policy and development terms however this time has been critical for integrating the ADPH Report recommendations into the development and renewal of multiple key strategic documents within the council, many of which have not been brought for public consultation yet. This includes the local plan, infrastructure delivery plan and long term transport strategy. Where appropriate, the recommendations made in the ADPH Report 2017 have all been incorporated into these documents. As collaboration between public health and other council officers began early in the policy development process for these documents, the positive health impacts of these strategies have all been maximised, demonstrating that early consideration of health impacts is key.

Although many strategic documents have yet to be published, the ADPH Report recommendations have also been integrated into the following published documents: Barnet's Housing Strategy, draft Growth Strategy, Transport Local Implementation Plan and the Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document.

The integration of the ADPH Report recommendations into wider council workstreams has taken a collaborative approach, with positive relationships between public health officers and RE officers being critical to effective implementation. The mutual benefit between transport, planning and public health priorities is now well established at an officer level, with teams taking ownership of the role their work plays on the health of residents. With many key strategic documents being brought to their respective committees in the coming months, it is useful to share a brief summary of the Healthy Places creation in Barnet with the Health and Wellbeing Board as well as relevant council committees to raise general awareness and further enhance our ability to build for healthier communities.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARDS ACHIEVING RECOMMENDATIONS

The following table presents a summary of actions taken to achieve the recommendations outset in the 2017 ADPH report.

Recommendation	Progress since 2017
Use Healthy Streets approach to guide development.	<p>Many of the schemes being implemented currently were approved prior to the introduction of the Healthy Streets Approach. However, with all plans being developed currently, a Healthy Streets approach has been taken. This is assisted by the introduction of Transport for London's new travel plan assessment tools for development as well as their revised criteria for Local Transport Implementation plans.</p> <p>One example of Healthy Streets in action in Barnet is the Chipping Barnet High Street Public Realm Improvement which prioritises accessibility and walkable neighbourhoods. This will be achieved through the widening of pavements and large resurfacing projects.</p>
Enhance community empowerment in regeneration projects.	<p>The new development on the Upper and Lower Fosters estate in Hendon has been co-designed with estate residents who have been involved from concept, through all stages of design. The project team have been working extensively with community members for over two years, to learn about their priorities and co-design the masterplan with them. A resident steering group</p>

	has been formed which has met regularly and this has been augmented by open community events. Stages 1 and 2 of the design were completed in 2017/18 and the team submitted a planning application on 1st May which is due for determination in September 2019.
Improve pavement quality	There is an annual carriageway and footway renewal scheme which the Barnet transport team implements.
Implement mixed-use buildings and public spaces.	Public Health is contributing to the development of the new local plan for Barnet. Evidence reviews and a health impact assessment have been conducted on these areas. In the current version, mixed-use buildings has been established as good design practice.
Invest in infrastructure which supports the social model of disability	Public Health is contributing to the development of the new infrastructure delivery plan. This will identify new infrastructure needs in the borough and will inform Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions from developers in the future. We will ensure the social model of disability is taken into consideration when implementing the new infrastructure delivery plan.
Increase the quantity of play provision	<p>Whilst in general terms the quantity of play provision has not increased, multiple improvement schemes across the borough through S106 and CIL have been implemented:</p> <p>2017-18 – Refurbishment of the playgrounds at Swan Lane Open Space, Watling Park and Brunswick Park</p> <p>2018-19 - Refurbishment of the playground at Deansbrook Road.</p> <p>2019-20 – We are creating a new Fitness Trim Trail around Glebelands Open Space, Building a new larger playground in Victoria Recreation Ground to compliment the Leisure Centre, replacing the two playgrounds in Victoria Park which will be a fractional increase in provision, and we are in the process of delivering complete rebuilds of Montrose and Silkstream Parks which will included new play, sport, skate and fitness equipment (this is an increase in provision).</p> <p>Implementation of draft Growth Strategy will bring opportunities for increasing play provision across the borough.</p>
Address accessibility of parks by active travel	<p>The council is developing a walking and cycling strategic route networks as part of it's Long Term Transport Strategy. In addition, a number of cycle routes through parks will be created by the end of this financial year.</p> <p>Following a financial contribution from Chipping Barnet Area Committee, the Parks team have installed two new Active Trails linked to the Mayors Golden KM. Three more are planned for the Chipping Barnet area alongside exploring funding opportunities to install within other constituency's. In addition, the Sport and Physical Activity (SPA) team coordinate a Health Walks programme, offering seven instructor led walks per week across the borough</p>
Provide online resources to support the use of open spaces and recreation	<p>The Fit & Active Barnet (FAB) Hub was created in 2018, designed to be a one-stop shop for all things physical activity related in the borough. The Hub offers an activity finder, FAB Card registration and physical activity guidance. The Hub is undergoing enhancements, however, since it's launch in July 2018 there have been 21,000 FAB Card registrations.</p> <p>In addition to the FAB Hub, there are plans to launch a new active travel app bespoke to Barnet in Autumn 2019. Developed and funding in partnership with GLL and Middlesex University, the app is designed to gamify walking around the borough.</p>

	Phase 1 is targeting children and young people.
Support age-friendly cities within open spaces	Master plans are being developed and delivered across the borough which aim to provide facilities and opportunities for all ages; Montrose & Silkstream is in delivery, Victoria Park master plan has been adopted and delivery of workstreams has started, Sports Hubs (Cophall, West Hendon & Barnet/King George V) are in the design consultation phase and Rushgrove & Colindale Parks are in early design phase. Within these masterplans there will be new trail resurfacing, improved lighting, new public toilets and additional places to stop and rest.
Adopt active design principles	No key policy documents which have the ability to change planning guidance in the borough, such as the local plan, have been formally published since the 2017 ADPH report. However, public health is working closely with planning policy colleagues to ensure active design principles are integrated into draft documents for both the local plan and infrastructure delivery plan.
Ensure sufficient affordable homes within regeneration areas	There were 11,391 net completions by London Borough of Barnet between 2011-12 and 2017-18, with 2,543 affordable housing units delivered. Across the borough's regeneration areas, provisions have been made ensure that homes are affordable. In the Colindale regeneration area, there are 10,170 units in the delivery pipeline, with 26% (2,670) of these affordable units. Similarly, in Upper and Lower there are 50% affordable units across 200 homes in the delivery pipeline.
Recognise the potential impact of affordability schemes on overcrowding	The council's housing strategy recognises the need to build both affordable and suitable housing types for Barnet's growing population. 43% of existing housing stock is flats or maisonettes, which will grow to exceed 50% before 2030. However, in aiming to be the most "family friendly" borough, Barnet Council will also build sufficient market and affordable family friendly housing of varying sizes. A recently commissioned Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) completed by Opinion Research Services for the Housing Strategy identified that 76,500 new homes are needed in Barnet by 2041, including 17,600 affordable homes for rent and for sale. Of these, 10,200 affordable homes will be 1-2 bed units, whilst 7,400 affordable homes will be 3+ bed units.
Support families through winter well grants	Due to financial constraints, the winter well scheme is no longer funded. However, through the enforcement of lifetime home standards for new development and improved quality of housing the private rental sector, the need for grants such as this will slowly decline overtime.
Prioritise investment in active and public transport	Significant S106 contributions from developers are made to improve public transport links within the borough. This is also considered in the current development of our Long Term Transport Strategy.
Renew the sustainable modes of transport strategy & complete the local cycling strategy	The council is in the process of developing a Long Term Transport Strategy for Barnet, incorporating detailed plans for Barnet's strategic cycle network.
Use stakeholder feedback when developing the transport strategy	To date, a number of key stakeholders have been involved in the development of the transport strategy. This includes a member working group, officer working group and a number of workshops with external partners. The draft strategy will be

	presented to Environment Committee in the Autumn and following approval by Committee it shall then be taken for public consultation.
Support the uptake of active travel via online resources and communication campaigns	As part of the Local Implementation Plan, we have committed to investing in digital behaviour change interventions and online campaigns to encourage walking, improve air quality and achieve our targets for the Mayor of London's 'vision zero' ambition.
Implement cycle parking in appropriate locations	Cycle parking has been installed at four tube stations in the borough: East Finchley, Finchley Central, Woodside Park, Edgware. The council has also funded the 31 bikehangars, providing a total 186 cycle parking space at across 18 Barnet Homes locations.
Increase accessible childcare	With the upcoming renewal of Barnet Town Centres framework there is capacity to integrate this recommendation into new affordable workspace plans. Currently, increasing accessible childcare is outside the scope of larger planning policy documents which have been undertaken since 2017.
Collect data on food accessibility	The food security needs assessment last year and the local plan evidence review of hot food takeaways mapped the accessibility of healthier and unhealthier food alternatives in the borough.
Integrate healthier catering commitments into pre-planning applications	Public Health completed a policy evidence review on hot food takeaways last year as part of the development of the local plan. Three policy options were considered, and it was found that restrictions of hot food takeaways within 400m of secondary schools, as well as restrictions on oversaturation of hot food takeaways was the most appropriate policy for Barnet to adopt. The council continues to participate in the healthier catering commitment too.
Develop and sustain relationships with third sector organisations promoting food growth.	As part of the development of Barnet's food security action plan, community groups involved with food growing have been engaged and Barnet Council has established a new relationship with the organisation Sustain, an non-profit organisation which support food projects, including urban food growing.