Applications 2021/1089 and 2021/1090

Response to EIA Socio-Economic & Health chapter and Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

In assessing the HIA, Public Health have used the Quality Assurance Review Framework for Health Impact Assessment (HIA) - Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit (WHIASU). https://phwwhocc.co.uk/whiasu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/05/QA_Interactive_PDF_version_eng..pdf

Overall, the EIA Socio-Economic & Health chapter and HIA have been carried out in a way that follows recognised guidance. The HIA is of reasonable quality in the way it has been conducted and the report documenting the process and findings.

On the whole, the evidence gathered is adequate in justifying the impacts identified and recommendations made, and is also appropriate for the nature, scale, scope, significance and severity of possible health and wellbeing impacts.

However, the main concern is the identified additional pressure on local healthcare provision and the proposed mitigation of utilising Section 106 funding. There is legal caselaw that firmly excludes S106 funding from being provided for healthcare services through planning permissions. Therefore the applicant should identify alternative relevant mitigations and ensure ongoing engagement with South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board regarding how this can be provided centrally through Government / NHS funding.

In addition, minor revisions should be considered in the following areas:

- Provide a stronger focus throughout the HIA on the contribution to achieving equity and reducing health inequalities.
- Factor in qualitative research into the HIA analysis using other public consultations and community insight.
- Expand on the outcomes of the consultation with the NHS and what further action is required.
- Outline a proposed plan for monitoring the implementation of the mitigations and a clear line of accountability for reporting ongoing outcomes.

For future applications, the applicant should use the revised Barnsley HIA for Spatial planning template 2023 and submit a separate HIA for each application.