

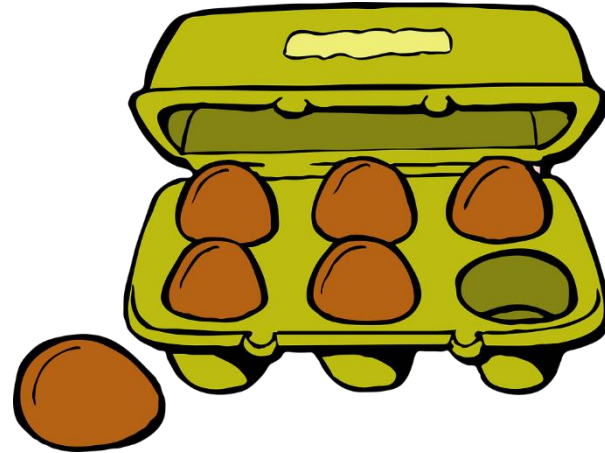
“Why will no one listen to me!”
Using policy to put Health Impact
Assessment into practice

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Where it started....

Q: How can we better use the
planning system to improve and
protect health?



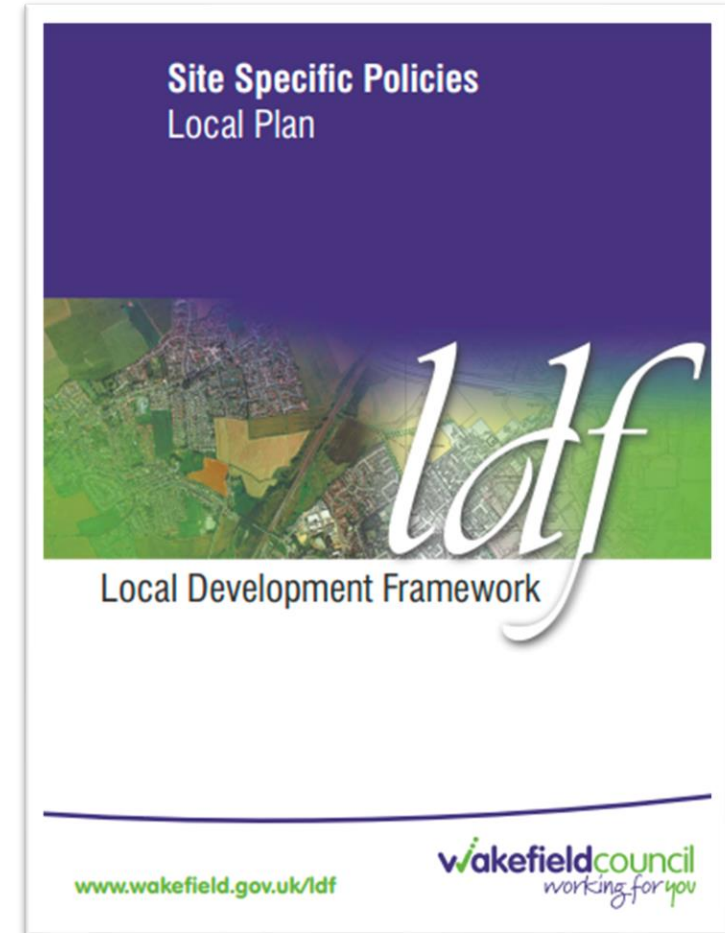
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The Process



Who?

- Dev Management (PH / Screening Criteria)

- Dev Management

- Applicant / Agent

- Dev Management

- Public Health



Healthy Sustainable Developments



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What were we saying?

We request that the hot food take away element of the submitted application is refused...

Could active play opportunities for children be included in the scheme...



There is a strong body of evidence to suggest that...

NICE Guidance states that...

Listen!



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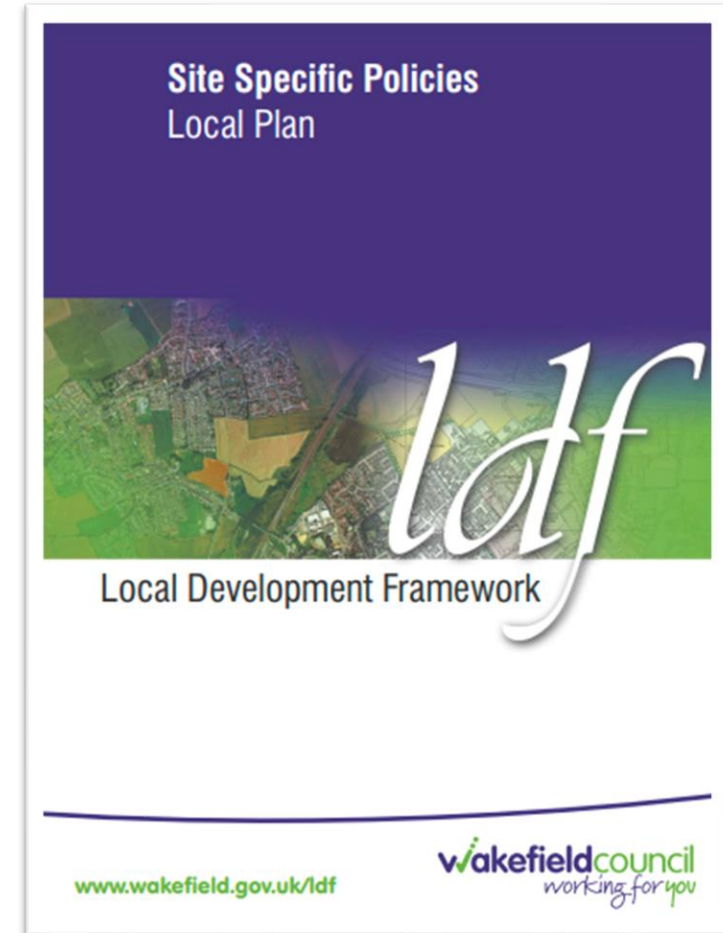
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Q: How did we make our voice heard?

Used existing planning policy to substantiate our comments

- Got to know the national, regional and local policy landscape
 - National Planning Policy Framework
 - Local Plan
 - Supplementary Planning Documents
 - Neighbourhood Plans



- Looked at different way policy might be applied – “get creative!”
- Identified the gaps

Developed and influenced and new policies

Examples:

- Leisure, Recreation and Open Space Local Plan – ensure local health data included
- Residential Design Guide – linked to existing documents / tools
- Retail and Town Centre Local Plan – grab opportunities / flexibility
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – reframed evidence as policy
- Playing Pitch Strategy

Four things I wish someone had told me sooner

- “Policy is King”
- “No point being heard if you’re not understood”
- “You can’t win them all”
- “Remember to listen”



Thank you

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