



Levelling up the North of England

National planning and health update and programme of activities

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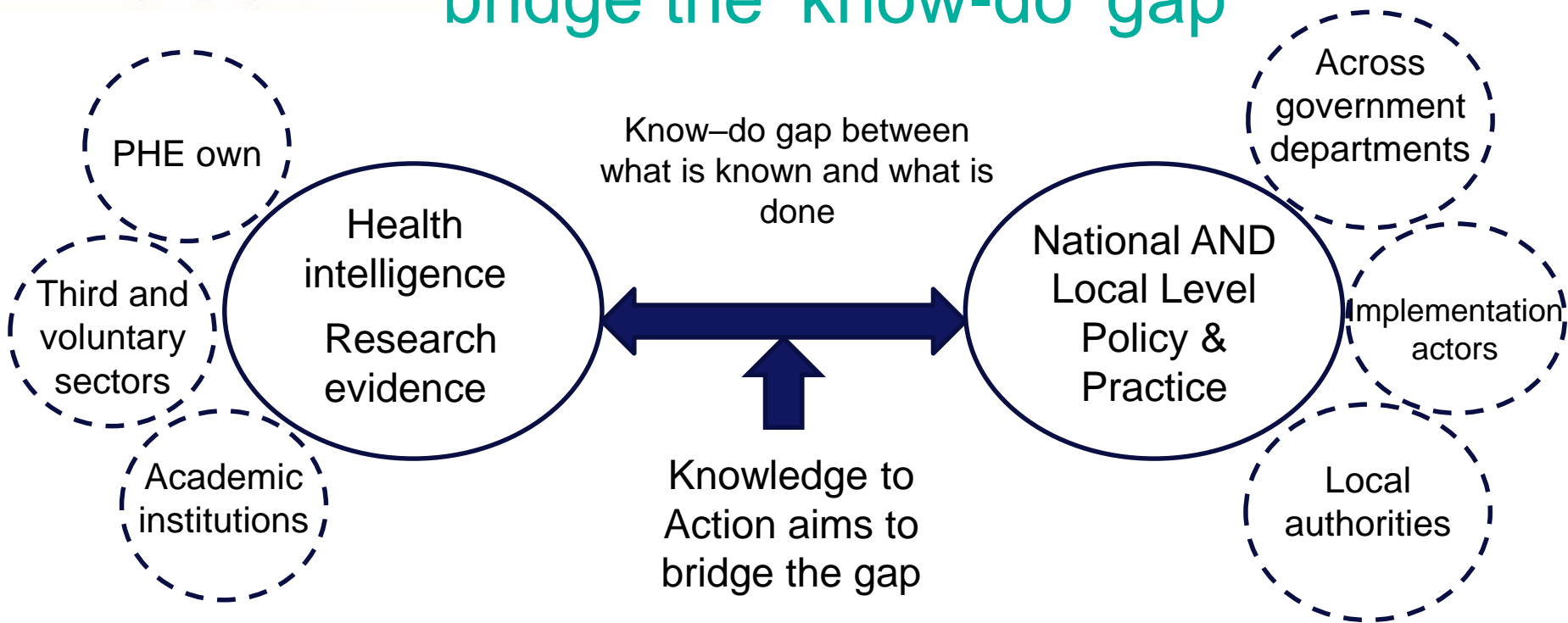
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Knowledge to Action aims to bridge the 'know-do' gap





“Protests are important but changing the culture means nothing if the law doesn’t change”

“They (directors of public health) are having to become much more interested in the legal powers that might be available to them for pursuing public health objectives.”

Professor John Ashton CBE, giving oral evidence on behalf of the Faculty of Public Health to the House of Commons Health Select Committee inquiry, 2016



House of Commons
Health Committee

Public health post-2013

Second Report of Session 2016-17



Scale of planning and population affected by change/ development

England: Housing granted permission:

- Year to March 2021= 294,900

Direct Residential Population affected:

- **2.4 x 294,900 = 707,760 people**
- *Plus other non-residential developments affecting populations in other settings (office, leisure, industrial and warehousing, retail, infrastructure projects + more*

North of England: Housing units granted permission Year to March 2021:

- Yorkshire and Humber = 22,700
- North East = 12,100
- North West = 40,400

Direct Residential Population affected:

- **2.4 x 75,200 = 180,480 people**

Source: MHCLG Planning applications in England, 2021



Green space access

Public Health Outcomes Framework

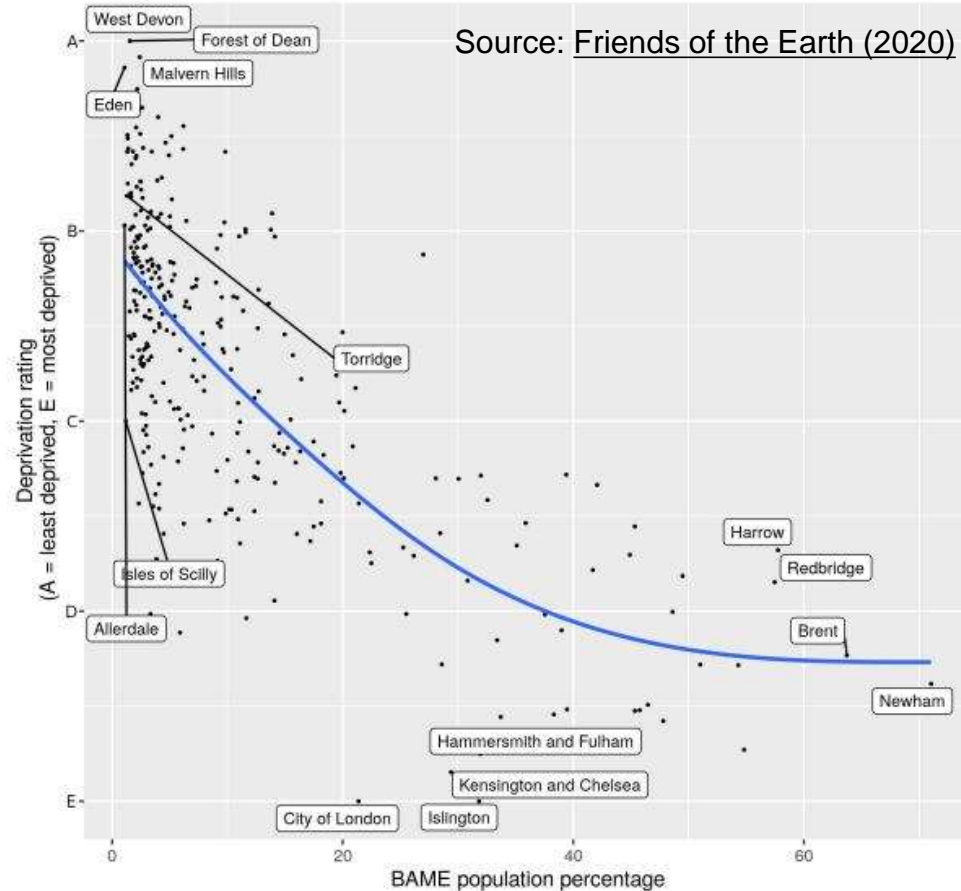
Indicator B.1 Utilisation of outdoor space for exercise/ health reasons:

- **England – 17.9%**
- North East – 17.3%
- North West – 17.5%
- Y&H – 17.5%
- *South East- 18.2%*

Green space deprivation rating vs BAME population

All English local authorities

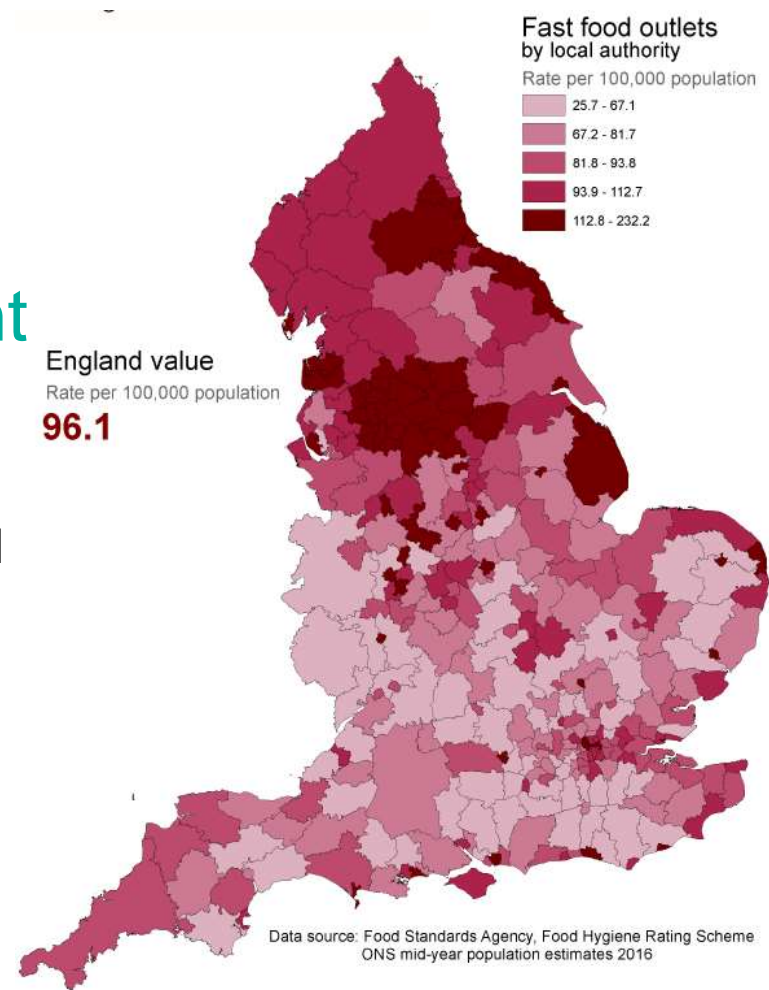
Source: [Friends of the Earth \(2020\)](#)





Density of fast food environment

- There is a clear correlation between poverty and the density of fast-food outlets, with twice as many in the most deprived areas compared to the least deprived.
- **England – 96.1 per 100K pop**
- North East (*Middlesbrough*) – 131.1
- North West (*Blackburn*) – 147.5
- Y&H (*Leeds*) – 122.5
- *South East (Milton Keynes)*- 95.4



Planning, health and inequalities

Linking planning policies to identified local health needs

- England – 27%
- North East – 25%
- North West – 22%
- Y&H – 38%
- *South East - 8%*
- TCPA, 2019

Housing design quality (% Good-Very Good)

- England – 26%
- North East – 18%
- North West – 21%
- Y&H – 25%
- *South East- 38%*
- Place Alliance, 2020

Use of health impact assessments

- England – 30%
- North East – 25%
- North West – 30%
- Y&H – 19%
- *South East- 14%*
- TCPA, 2019

Developer contributions (£106) secured

- England – £7bn
- North East – 3%
- North West – 6%
- Y&H – 5%
- *South East- 25%*
- MHCLG, 2020

How national policies and guidance...

...can support appropriate local responses to...

...locally-led planning for health needs & opportunities.



National policy hooks for healthy planning

1. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places.. to enable and support healthy lifestyles (to) address identified local health and well-being needs.. for example access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.
2. planning policies and decisions should take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community.
3. In good design, planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users...
4. PPG: A health impact assessment is a useful tool to use where there are expected to be significant impacts.



I suggest you gentlemen invent a way to put a square peg in a round hole.

Acknowledge barriers to planning for health

1. Planning's ability to 'plan for all health' may be limited BUT it has a role, and requires a combination of changes to regulation and how things are done.
2. Majority of the challenges, barriers and threats relate to delivery, implementation and practical matter, such as:
 - the nature of translating public health evidence into planning practice.
 - Competing local priorities, particularly in any given development.
3. There is no shortage of international, national AND local 'planning' tools available to practitioners. In fact there may be too many or inconsistent.
4. Local government resources and capacity remain the underlying challenge.

Key findings from PHE Getting research into practice project

91%

- Existing evidence is not translatable to practice at the local level

89%

- Lack of resource and capacity at local authority level

85%

- Communication and cultural gap between planners and public health professionals

81%

- Lack of monitoring and evaluation of planning decisions

79%

- Disconnect between government agencies responsible for providing leadership on spatial planning and health

Source: PHE, 2019, Getting Research into Practice (GRIP): study report



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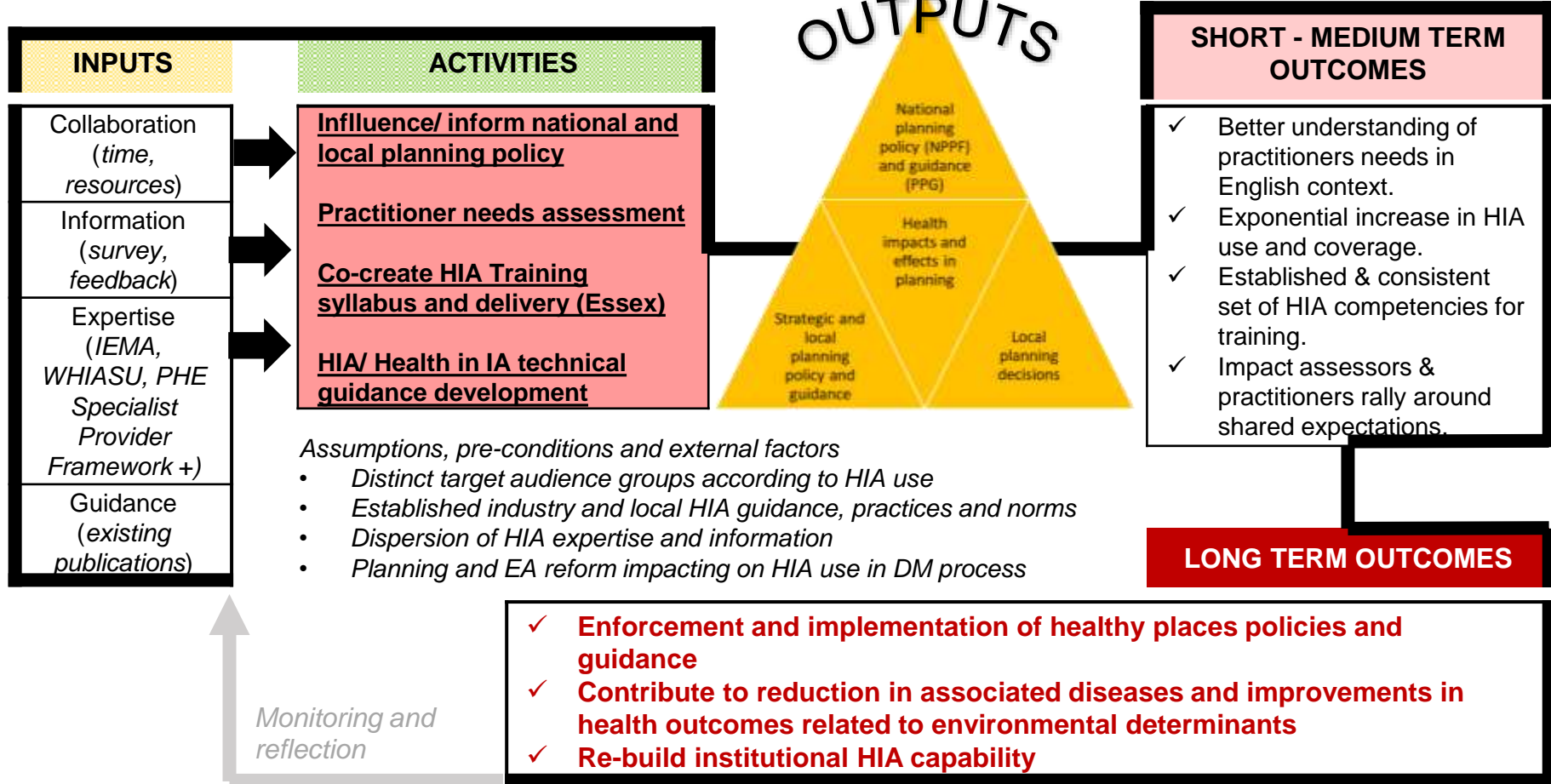
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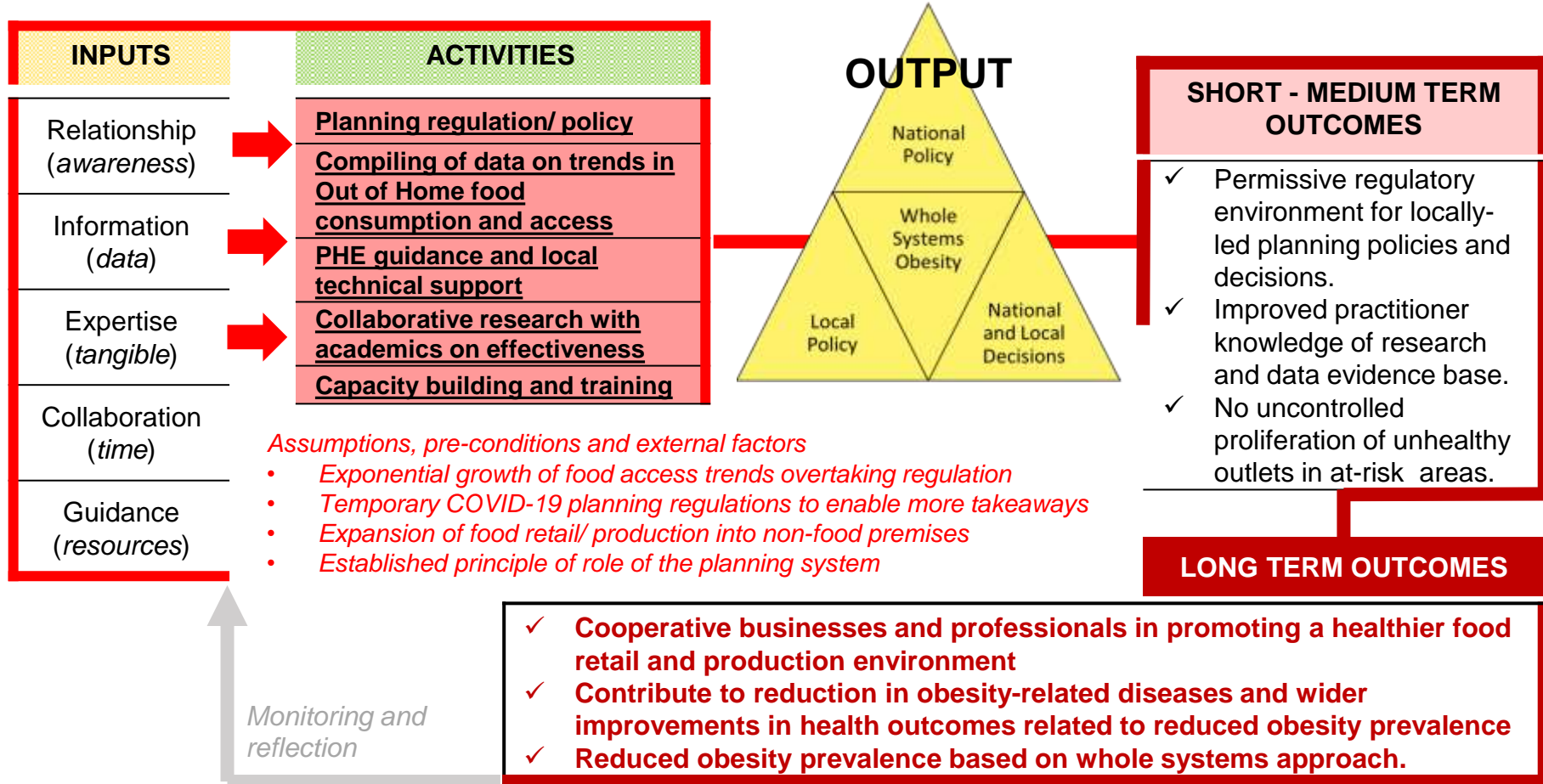
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THEORY OF CHANGE - HIA



THEORY OF CHANGE: Healthier food environments



Final thoughts on BBB and Levelling Up



1. Provide greater clarity about what physical and mental health and wellbeing means in the planning system and process.
2. Increase the coverage of local health-relevant policies and improve quality of decisions that protect and promote population health.



3. Work to remove and minimise inequalities inherent within national and local planning system and decision-making processes.
4. Support local systems to explicitly re-frame local policies and decisions toward those who needs the planning system the most.



5. Mature and maintain multi-disciplinary and cross-sector working relationships at national and local levels.
6. Improve/ support communication of Public Health value across national and local built environment professions/ systems.



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<https://khub.net/group/healthypeoplehealthyplaces>

email healthyplaces@phe.gov.uk



Planning for Health 'Reading Club' 2021

Have you come across an interesting planning case ripe for discussion with other practitioners? How do we identify key learning points from these cases to improve the practice of Planning for Health?

Similar to a Reading Club for planning, we will use the informal setting to discuss public health implications arising from a case such as a recent planning appeal decision. Information related to each case will be shared before the meeting so that we can all come prepared and discuss informally. At the start of each session, we will run through the case, some key points before opening up for discussions.

The aim is not to critique the case but identify where things could be done differently to improve on the outcome. It will be useful for anyone involved in planning and wishing to get into the nitty gritty of details.



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****UPDATE** 1st (trial) session on Friday 23rd July 13:00 to 13:40pm**

Then on a Friday every 2 months from 13:00 to 13:40pm

Register on Eventbrite <https://plan4healthreadingclub.eventbrite.co.uk>

Join relevant sessions and participate in discussion with Peers!