

Health Impact Assessment

Section 1

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Planning proposal and reference (if known): 25/00620/FUL	

Please provide a brief summary of the proposal
A proposed residential development of 90 apartments made up of 4 blocks of 4 storey dwellings.

Please provide a brief summary of any planned or completed consultation
A pre-application discussion with Alan Kilroe.

Section 2

There are 5 themes in the assessment which are taken from the overarching strategy [Knowsley 2030](#). In order to complete the assessment you need to:-

- Consider whether each question applies to your proposal – tick Y/N as appropriate.
- Assess whether the impact is positive or negative, and the level of the impact – severe, moderate or weak.
- Provide a brief summary of the evidence for your answer, including design and mitigation where appropriate. Reference to more detailed evidence and information can be made.



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- In some responses reference will need to be made to existing, local facilities, particularly in terms of employment, transport and health provision. You will need to consider the local elements as well as Knowsley as a whole.
 - Consider all the different population groups within your answer. It may be the case that different groups are impacted in different ways, negatively and positively.
 - Age
 - Those with disabilities or low mobility
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity
 - Religion or belief
 - Socio-economic position (defined by education, employment status, income, household composition)
 - Vulnerable and inclusion health groups (eg homeless, prison leavers, care leavers)
 - Area based variations by deprivation, service provision, urban or rural setting
 - Also consider those impacted by the development now, and in the future
 - Please refer to the guidance document for further assistance and to [Building for a Healthy Life](#) for practical examples of how to make a development healthier
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- The assessment will be reviewed by Knowsley's Public Health and Planning teams. For further guidance please contact Public Health on publichealth@knowsley.gov.uk

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A place with welcoming, vibrant, well-connected neighbourhoods and town centres	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Describe how the proposal will create mixed communities with a variety of tenures and uses	Y		P	S	The proposal consists of a mixture of 1 and 2 apartments (45 of each). All 90 apartments are fully M43 accessible and cater for single occupants, couples and small families due to the various apartment types throughout the site.
Describe the range of housing types and sizes, including affordable housing and how this responds to local housing needs	Y		P	S	A total of 90 apartment inhabit the site consisting of 45 1 beds and 45 2 beds. There are 4 different apartment layout types, APT type 1 (2 bed) is 73sqm, APT type 1b (2 bed) is 73sqm, APT type 2 (2 bed) is 73sqm with APT type 3 (1 bed) is 55sqm. This has been following discussions with local authority and the need has been identified for 1&2 bed housing.
How does the proposal provide and enhance access to the public transport network?	Y		P	S	Adjacent to the site are bus stops, allowing public transport to be fully accessible.
Describe how the proposal addresses the needs of people who are car dependent	Y		P	S	In total the scheme has been designed to account for 79 car parking spaces;10 which are DDA accessible, 24 of which are electric charging points, 9 motorcycle spaces and 102 cycle spaces.
Does the proposal include adequate parking as set out in the Ensuring Choice of Travel SPD and are electric vehicle charging points included?	Y		P	S	24 electric points take up 30% provision.
Describe how the proposal provides and enhances sustainable transport facilities	Y		P	S	102 cycle spaces have been provided within the development and can be easily connected to cycle routes in the surrounding area.
Is the proposal designed to include traffic management and calming measures to help reduce and minimise road injuries?		N	P	S	All onsite parking.



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How will the proposal minimise waste and the use of new materials?	Y		P	S	Waste will be minimised through encouragement of waste reduction along with the provision of recycling facilities throughout the site.
Will a plan be in place to mitigate the impacts of dust, noise, smoke, light and odours during construction?	Y		P	S	A plan will be conducted to maintain the impacts of dust, smoke, light and odours during the construction phase.
Will the proposal have any measures to minimise air pollution and ensure that existing sources of air pollution do not impact on residents?	Y		P	S	There are to be 24 charging points on site for electric vehicles along with the building to be heated via air source heat pumps along with the potential for solar panels on the roofs of each block.
How will the proposal minimise noise pollution caused by the development and ensure that existing sources of noise will not impact on new homes and open spaces?	Y		P	S	Please see proposed CMP.

A place with a thriving, inclusive economy, with opportunities for people and business	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
How will the proposal allow local residents to access employment opportunities during the construction phase?	Y		P	S	The developer is eager to work with the main contractor to offer apprenticeships/opportunities during construction and will endeavour to use local labour throughout the build period.
When operational how will the proposal provide accessible and diverse employment opportunities appropriate to the skill sets present in the local community?		N			N/A.



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Does the proposal provide opportunities for community activities and /or the voluntary and community sector?	Y		P	S	A communal garden is proposed on site and is accessed from the Brook Hey Drive elevation. This vast open space has been designed to be used by both residents along with the wider community. Due to the size of the space, multiple activities can take place.
Describe how the proposal creates an attractive business location that encourages investment (e.g. good infrastructure, clean and pleasant environment)		N			N/A.
Describe how the proposal creates healthy workplaces		N			N/A.

A place where people are active and healthy and have access to the support they need	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
How has the proposal assessed the location and accessibility of social infrastructure (e.g. schools, and community facilities)?	Y		P	S	The development lies approximately 1.2km North of Kirby Town Centre and is located close to all main public transport routes, with the proposed development being 667m from Kirby train station and a short distance from the M57 & A580. The development is also within walking distance of many other amenities such as St Mary Mother of God Church (168m), St Mary's Primary School (206m) and Northwood Community Primary School (496m).
How will the proposal allow people with mobility problems or a disability to access buildings and places?	Y		P	S	The proposed site along with all 90 apartments are fully M43 fitted.
How will the proposal provide, retain and enhance open and natural spaces?	Y		P	S	There are currently no open natural spaces present on site. Our proposal has been designed around the creation of a community space which can be used by both residents and the wider community.
Describe how the proposal includes opportunities for active play and exercise	Y		P	S	The development has been designed around a vast communal garden where residents or the wider public can take place in many physical activities, also being a space enabling children to play. As nearby schools are distances of 200 – 500m, this enables active travel routes to schools where individuals can walk or cycle instead of using vehicles.



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Describe how the proposal links into open and natural spaces for all community groups	Y		P	S	As previously mentioned, the proposed communal garden allows all residents to take part in events and physical activities. As the communal garden is located on site and the site is fully M43 fitted, all individuals can access this space with ease.
How does the proposal reduce the need to travel especially by car?	Y		P	S	The site is close to many nearby amenities within a short distance walk, encouraging individuals to walk or cycle to their destinations. 102 cycle stores are located on site and a bus stop is accessible off the site on Brook Hey Drive.
How will nearby education and employment opportunities be accessible by public transport, and walking or cycling routes?	Y		P	S	The site is close to many nearby amenities within a short distance walk, encouraging individuals to walk or cycle to their destinations. 102 cycle stores are located on site and a bus stop is accessible off the site on Brook Hey Drive.
How will walking / cycling away from the main traffic routes be encouraged?	Y		P	S	Wide safe pavements, traffic calming measures and footpaths away from roads have been considered along with the provision of cycle lanes and onsite cycle storage.
Have low carbon heating solutions been considered?	Y		P	S	All apartments will be heated via air source heat pumps and roof solar panels have also been considered for future use.
What energy efficiency measures have been considered?	Y		P	S	The development aims to be EPC A rated, or as close as possible, and all glazing, roof, wall cavities and smart technology heating controls have been considered for this process.
How does the development offset the carbon emissions it produces?	Y		P	S	The site has been designed to include greenspace communal areas along with large amounts of habitat creation. A total of 150 trees are to be planted, a total of 0.0910 hectares of modified grassland is to be created around the site along with 0.0768 hectares of introduced shrub are to be planted around the site.

A place where people of all ages are confident and can achieve their full potential	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact)	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Will all homes meet at least the minimum requirements set	Y		P	S	A total of 90 apartment inhabit the site consisting of 45 1 beds and 45 2 beds. There are 4 different apartment layout types, APT type 1 (2 bed) is 73sqm, APT type 1b (2 bed) is 73sqm, APT type 2 (2 bed) is 73sqm with APT type 3 (1 bed) is 55sqm. This has been following discussions with local authority and the need has been identified for 1&2 bed housing.



out in the Nationally Described Space Standards in order to be adequately 'liveable'?					
Will there be provision of homes that enable older and disabled people to live independent lives?	Y		P	S	The proposed site along with all 90 apartments are fully M43 fitted.
Has accessibility been considered eg Will homes be wheelchair accessible inside and out?	Y		P	S	The proposed site along with all 90 apartments are fully M43 fitted.
Describe how the proposal may reduce fuel poverty through energy efficiency measures such as insulation	Y		P	S	All insulating and heating will be to be a high standard and air source heat pumps will be used. Roof solar panels have also been considered for future use.
Describe any measures taken to reduce risk of overheating in homes	Y		P	S	Each apartment will be adequately ventilated with openable windows whilst remaining secure. There are no large south facing windows therefore there is no requirement for shutters.
Describe how you will ensure that damp, condensation and mould growth is prevented through the provision of heating, ventilation and drying facilities	Y		P	S	Each apartment will be adequately ventilated with openable windows whilst remaining secure.
Do all homes have access to private outdoor space?	Y		P	S	Apartments do not specifically have their own private outdoor spaces, however, a large communal garden space and green areas have been designed to overcome this potential concern.

A place where strong and safe communities can shape their future	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			



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Does the proposal facilitate community integration i.e. land uses which encourage social interaction?	Y		P	S	The development lies approximately 1.2km North of Kirby Town Centre and is located close to all main public transport routes, with the proposed development being 667m from Kirby train station and a short distance from the M57 & A580. The development is also within walking distance of many other amenities such as St Mary Mother of God Church (168m), St Mary's Primary School (206m) and Northwood Community Primary School (496m).
Has the proposal been designed to incorporate crime prevention measures and to reduce the fear of crime?	Y		P	S	A safe and unthreatening environment will be created with properties being clearly named, all external lighting will be designed to illuminate external doors and vulnerable areas. There are to be no overlooked walkways, no unused spaces or overlooked parking. The site boundary will be demarcated and secured by a minimum 1800mm height boundary wall and railings (or similar) ensuring safety with the open feel to the site.
Does the proposal prioritise making security, management and maintenance easy?	Y		P	S	A management company will be responsible for the management and maintenance of landscaping and all communal areas which will be completed on a daily/weekly basis.
Are there opportunities for digital inclusion?	Y		P	S	All apartments will be connected to fast fibre networks and will have broadband in each apartment.

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