

Health Impact Assessment

Section 1

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Planning proposal and reference (if known)

The description of development for the application is as follows:

“The redevelopment (and part retention) of the existing Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre to deliver new facilities including a new rehoming building, vets and puppy suite, an intake and booking building and a training barn, vehicular and pedestrian access improvements, landscaping and layout improvements, including outdoor furniture, and associated works”.

Please provide a brief summary of the proposal

Redevelopment of the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Huyton, Merseyside, Liverpool, L36 6HP

Please provide a brief summary of any planned or completed consultation

Pre application with LPA – January 2023

Public Consultation – 24 May 2023

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:-



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- 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.
- 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
- The assessment will be reviewed by Knowsley's Public Health and Planning teams. For further guidance please contact Esther Hindley, Public Health Programme Officer, 0151 443 2378

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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		N			
Describe the range of housing types and sizes, including affordable housing and how this responds to local housing needs		N			
How does the proposal provide and enhance access to the public transport network?	Y		P		No alteration – see Transport Assessment.
Describe how the proposal addresses the needs of people who are car dependent	Y		P		See Transport Assessment – car parking provided on site for visitors and staff
Does the proposal include adequate parking as set out in the Ensuring Choice of Travel SPD and are electric vehicle charging points included?		N			
Describe how the proposal provides and enhances sustainable transport facilities		N			
Is the proposal designed to include traffic management and calming measures to help reduce and minimise road injuries?	Y		P		Betterment in site access proposed to enable an improvement in visibility for those exiting the Site.

How will the proposal minimise waste and the use of new materials?	Y		P		See Waste Management Strategy
Will a plan be in place to mitigate the impacts of dust, noise, smoke, light and odours during construction?	Y		P		To be confirmed via CEMP (anticipated as a condition in the event planning permission is approved).
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		See Design and Access Statement re energy efficiency. EV charging points to be installed.
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		See Noise Impact Assessment.

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				See Social Value Strategy which provides further detail of local employment creation and opportunities.
When operational how will the proposal provide accessible and diverse employment opportunities appropriate to the skill sets present in the local community?	Y				eg. Consider the likely population mix in terms of age range and abilities. Is there likely to be employment either within the development or nearby which will provide opportunities for all? See Social Value Strategy.



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Does the proposal provide opportunities for community activities and /or the voluntary and community sector?	Y		P		Dogs Trust comprise a leading UK charity. Volunteering is encouraged from the public and will be amplified within the new development.
Describe how the proposal creates an attractive business location that encourages investment (e.g. good infrastructure, clean and pleasant environment)		N			
Describe how the proposal creates healthy workplaces		N			

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)?		N			
How will the proposal allow people with mobility problems or a disability to access buildings and places?	Y				The development will be fully DDA compliant.
How will the proposal provide, retain and enhance open and natural spaces?		N			The proposed development will not have any impacts upon neighbouring open spaces. These areas to the north and south that are green land will be retained. The proposed development however would improve the landscape and the visual interest of the area through the inclusion of new, high quality green features. This will further enhance open spaces in the green belt that surround the Site. Improvements works are only proposed within the Site boundary.

Describe how the proposal includes opportunities for active play and exercise		N			N/A
Describe how the proposal links into open and natural spaces for all community groups		N			N/A
How does the proposal reduce the need to travel especially by car?		N			Upgrades to existing facility. This includes cycle parking provision.
How will nearby education and employment opportunities be accessible by public transport, and walking or cycling routes?		N			N/A
How will walking / cycling away from the main traffic routes be encouraged?		N			See Travel Plan.
Have low carbon heating solutions been considered?	Y		P		See Design and Access Statement and Energy and Sustainability Statement. Both reports confirm that the proposed strategy consists of Air Source Heat Pumps and Solar PV Panels. In addition, from a construction standpoint, the proposals have been based on a 'fabric first' approach which means that the buildings have been designed to allow for enhanced insulation levels and airtightness figures when compared to standard construction.
What energy efficiency measures have been considered?	Y		P		See Design and Access Statement and Energy and Sustainability Statement.
How does the development offset the carbon emissions it produces?	Y		P		Limited carbon emissions. Significant additional planting proposed throughout the intended development.

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			



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Will all homes meet at least the minimum requirements set out in the Nationally Described Space Standards in order to be adequately 'liveable'?		N			N/A
Will there be provision of homes that enable older and disabled people to live independent lives?		N			N/A
Has accessibility been considered eg Will homes be wheelchair accessible inside and out?		N			N/A
Describe how the proposal may reduce fuel poverty through energy efficiency measures such as insulation		N			N/A
Describe any measures taken to reduce risk of overheating in homes		N			N/A
Describe how you will ensure that damp, condensation and mould growth is prevented through the provision of heating, ventilation and drying facilities	Y		P		See Design and Access Statement
Do all homes have access to private outdoor space?		N			N/A

A place where strong and safe communities can shape their future	Applicable?	Positive (p) or negative	Level of impact – severe (s),	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
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	Y	N	(n) impact	moderate (m) or weak (w)	
Does the proposal facilitate community integration i.e. land uses which encourage social interaction?		N			N/A
Has the proposal been designed to incorporate crime prevention measures and to reduce the fear of crime?	Y		P		See Design and Access Statement – access to the Site to be limited and restricted outside of core hours.
Does the proposal prioritise making security, management and maintenance easy?	Y		P		Management of the Site will be undertaken by Dogs Trust based on their leading provision of canine care throughout the UL
Are there opportunities for digital inclusion?		N			N/A

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