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## MEETING OF LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

### ITEM 3 PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

#### **Question received from Mr Frank Bedford, Chairman of the Willesley Environment Protection Association (WEPA)**

The Local Plan Review Emerging Options Consultation document of November 2018, sought views on various issues which included on page 20:

#### **How can the Local Plan help to address issues relating to health and wellbeing?**

##### **Health in Planning**

It is recognised that there is a close relationship between planning and health and that planning can contribute to positive health outcomes in a variety of ways, for example, provision and access to green spaces and community facilities, public realm and social interaction, good quality housing, sustainable travel, protection of amenity and safe and accessible environments.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) identifies that the social role of planning is 'to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities' and specifically states that policies should aim to achieve the creation of healthy, inclusive and safe places.

The document stated that the Council is currently working with partners to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the final strategy will be finalised shortly.

It was suggested that the Local Plan could include a strategic policy to be read alongside other policies that address the wider determinants of health. This policy could form part of the strategy section of the Local Plan and given its status as a strategic policy it would apply to all development proposals.

#### **Question 24 asked - *Should we include a policy (or policies) to address health and wellbeing issues as part of new development?***

WEPA's response was Yes. This positive response was also made by Packington Nook Residents Association, Natural England, Measham Parish Council, David Bigby, Ruth Mulvany, Canal and River Trust, National Forest Company, Packington Parish Council, Ashby Civic Society, DJ and SC Smith, and Lesley Birtwistle,

#### **Question 25 asked - *Should we have a strategic policy which would support the health and wellbeing of North West Leicestershire's residents?***

WEPA's response was Yes. This positive response was also made by Packington Nook Residents Association, Natural England, Measham Parish Council, David Bigby, Canal and River Trust, National Forest Company, Packington Parish Council, Ashby Civic Society, and Lesley Birtwistle.

#### **Will the Local Plan Committee support the inclusion of these policies in the reviewed Local Plan?**

Thank you.