

ISSUES PAPER RESPONSES: A HEALTHY BOROUGH

Question 10. How do you consider the LDF can contribute to making Charnwood healthier place?

Contributor	Summary of Comments
RN11/9 Anstey Parish Plan Group	Need good signposting of walk and cycleways. Improve air quality by reducing car use. Ensure public transport is at forefront of planning considerations. Provide space for two wheeled motorised transport in developments. Encourage sport developments, particularly for youth.
RN15/3 N Simpson	Reducing traffic requires a much improved bus service. Queniborough is reasonably well served but it is not sufficient to move commuters from their cars.
RN16/3 AT Greatorex	Not allow development where air pollution is already high.
RN12/3 English Nature	Expect elements of the Councils Green Space strategy to be included in the LDF, as it can deliver on social and health agendas
RN10/1 Charnwood Mental Health Forum	Site needed in Loughborough for a small mental health unit. It is necessary for those suffering acute mental distress to be close to family and friends to help their recovery, and Loughborough is the second largest community in Leicestershire. Better care at GP level required for conditions such as depression, anxiety, insomnia. Speedy diagnoses and treatment can prevent lifetime of illness.
RN19/10 Mr Porter	Loughborough is getting claustrophobic and over-developed.
RN24/10 Thorpe Acre 2000	More public access to open countryside with waymarked routes like the Thorpe Acre trail. More parks.
RN31/2 M Charlesworth	By closing down town centre pubs and clubs, reducing undergraduate numbers and letting full time residents reclaim their town.
RN34/10 T Birkinshaw	Reduce traffic, more opportunities/incentives to walk and cycle, green and wildlife areas in urban settlements.
RN33/3 Mrs Gerrard	Stop building houses so that we can live in a safer and healthier environment.
RN38/4 Syston Town Council	Further development must be resisted where this would impact badly on air quality.
RN44/3 Mr Seager	Improved cycle facilities with reduced opportunity for using cars easily in large towns, such as Loughborough. More and better playgrounds for children, the current ones in Loughborough are not a good advert for the Borough, equipment has been removed from playgrounds, but nothing has replaced them. Playgrounds should have facilities for a range of ages, encouraging the enjoyment of physical activity.
RN54/7 A Kay	Traffic is a major threat to both safety and health, especially for children. All new residential developments need to be designed on Home Zone principles, and every opportunity must be taken to make streets in existing residential areas "people-friendly". Priorities must be: pedestrians first, then cyclists, with motor vehicles last.
RN55/1 Sport England East Midlands	Access, both economic and physical, to sport and recreation facilities is important to development of healthy and active lifestyles. Will also contribute to targets at national (Game Plan) and regional (Change 4 Sport) level. Land for healthcare provision should be wider than healthcare facilities to include sport and leisure facilities – both formal and informal.
RN78/1	By keeping traffic moving and heavy goods traffic out of town and village centres.

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RN85/12 Leicestershire County Council	Refer to the need for facilities and programmes allowing everyone the opportunity to take exercise to improve or maintain their health in line with Government objectives. Any new development will have transport implications that will need to be addressed. In terms of health, reducing the need to travel and reducing congestion should improve air quality and lead to a healthier environment. Strategy Policy 2 and Transport Policies 2 and 3 and Resource Management Policy I 'Pollution' are relevant.
RN69/6 Ms Youngs	Development should minimise need to travel so accessible by other means than cars. Reducing congestion and pollution, and promoting a healthy lifestyle. Existing buildings should be reused/redeveloped as much as possible. Design of pedestrian and cycle facilities should emphasise that they are direct, safe and convenient. Should be perceived quicker than using the car.
RN96/4 Transport 2000	Promote a network of safe walking and cycling facilities borough wide. This would include maps and better signage. Need to consult with organisations to ask where people want to go. Provide secure parking in main shopping and business areas, more dropped kerbs. Encourage walking and cycling to bus and train services. Provide solar power lighting at bus shelters, which would also improve safety.
RN97/4 Mr Hill	To be able to breathe non polluted air should be a human right. So many people are affected by asthma, and the cause is in the air. More monitoring and reporting is needed of air borne pollutants, which needs to include allergens and chemicals.
RN94/13 Countryside Agency	Need to consider people's access to good quality well managed green space. It reduces stress and promotes well-being in people. Undeveloped areas close to people's houses could form new community open space. Provide a network of Greenway routes that are traffic free and link different services and residential, promoting cycling and walking. When loss of green open spaces occur suitable replacements within dwellings should be made.
RN98/1 Charnwood & North West Leicestershire Primary Care Trust	Encourage development that ensures health is protected that also leads to an improvement in health (by encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours) whilst also enabling access to quality healthcare services.
RN98/2 Charnwood & North West Leicestershire Primary Care Trust	Be explicit in the aim of reducing inequalities in health status eg. state intent that Framework will actively encourage a reduction in health inequality gradient by supporting identified areas of deprivation and helping minority communities in need.
RN98/3 Charnwood & North West Leicestershire Primary Care Trust	Undertake, before next consultation, a structured health impact assessment against the options identified.
RN107/3 Mr Keeling	Wymeswold had two 'outreach' services in the village, and they have since disappeared. Residents rely on facilities at East Leake and Barrow on Soar, neither can be gained by public transport.
RN104/4 WESSRA	Equestrian developments can integrate with and be a lever for many other recreational activities. It has a strong presence in rural economies and can contribute to well considered developments.

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RN102/9 A Newtown Linford Parish Councillor (anonymous)	Fully protect all country parks and existing areas of access to the public for healthy open air recreation.