



Central East
Integrated Care Board

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Luton Borough Council
Town Hall
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Luton Local Plan, Scoping Consultation

Thank you for consulting the NHS Central East Integrated Care Board (CEICB) on the Luton Local Plan, Scoping Consultation.

The NHS CEICB is a statutory body with responsibility for commissioning NHS health services. The NHS CEICB serves approximately 3.5 million people across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, and Hertfordshire. With our population living longer but with a growing challenge of long-term illness, widening inequalities linked to deprivation, our role is to manage the clinical and financial risk for the 3.5 million people we serve, ensuring that the right health interventions are in place to improve lives, reduce avoidable harm, and use public resources responsibly.

The NHS CEICB has produced a five-year Strategy called '*Our Way*', published on 1st April 2026, which sets out a five-year approach to health commissioning, built on improving quality in terms of access to, experience of, outcomes of, and effectiveness of health services, with *quality* being the mechanism through which the CEICB will deliver a sustainable NHS for the population it serves.

Integral to the NHS CEICB's five-year Strategy is neighbourhood health which focusses on delivering joined up, local, preventative care at a neighbourhood level. Primary and community health services will act as the anchor of neighbourhood delivery, providing continuity, proactive management of long-term conditions, and

coordination across the NHS, social care, local authorities and the voluntary sector, integrated around people and places. The CEICB is working with partners to develop Neighbourhood Health Plans, alongside more detailed Primary Care Action Plans which will be published later this year.

The CEICB has reviewed the Luton Scoping Document and has the following comments on health-related matters a new Local Plan should seek to cover.

The new Local Plan must provide a robust policy framework to support the planning and delivery of healthcare services required to meeting housing growth. The Local Plan must be clear that healthcare services are essential infrastructure which cover primary, community, mental health and acute healthcare and emergency ambulance services. Further, the vision, strategic priorities and policies in the emerging Local Plan must:

- positively promote health and wellbeing and address local health inequalities.
- facilitate improvements to health infrastructure, against the weight the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) gives to the importance of new, expanded or upgraded public service infrastructure or community facilities.
- seek to ensure infrastructure providers, including the NHS receive a commensurate share of developer contributions to mitigate the healthcare impacts arising from housing growth.
- recognise the impact of health services arising from planning applications made by specialist housing providers. Where planning applications are made for specialist housing, the NHS will seek developer contributions to mitigate the impact.
- support the ability of the NHS as a landowner to continually review its healthcare estate, optimise land use, and deliver health services from modern facilities.

The CEICB and NHS system partners look forward to working with the Council to deliver healthcare facilities fit for the future and to improve health outcomes for residents of Luton.

Yours faithfully,



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Driven by one question: what best serves our population?

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