

Statement of Common Ground between
London Borough of Barnet (LB Barnet) and North Central London
Clinical Commissioning Group

April 2022

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SCG) addresses the strategic planning matters specific to LB Barnet and the NHS London Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU) on behalf of Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). On 1 April 2021, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and four other CCGs in North London merged to form North Central London CCG.
- 1.2 This SCG ensures that the requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) have been met. The NPPF states, “Local planning authorities are under a duty to cooperate with each other, and with other prescribed bodies, on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.”
- 1.3 The purpose of the SCG is to document the strategic matters being considered and the progress in cooperating to address them. It focusses on areas of agreement or disagreement between both LBB and HUDU / CCG. The document is intended to be ‘live’, updated as circumstances change, and agreement occurs on any outstanding issues. It therefore includes details on mechanisms for review and updating. The SCG also forms part of the evidence to demonstrate compliance with the ‘duty to cooperate’.
- 1.4 In London, most strategic issues beyond borough boundaries (e.g. housing targets, major growth areas, etc.) are largely addressed by the London Plan.
- 1.5 Strategic matters overseen by other bodies such as the Environment Agency will be addressed in other SCGs. This will serve to make the documents more concise for relevant parties.
- 1.6 LBB planners have a good working relationship with NHS organisations, particularly through engagement with HUDU, the CCG and the Barnet Local Estates Forum.
- 1.7 This iteration of the SCG applies to Barnet’s submission (Reg 22) Local Plan. It will inform further engagement to ensure effective development and implementation of Local Plan policies

2.0 Strategic Matters

- 2.1 The London Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU) helps to create healthy sustainable communities and ensure that new developments are planned with health in mind. HUDU works with local, London wide and national organisations on behalf of the NHS. It provides specialist expertise and advice to enable the health and planning sectors to work together effectively to improve the health and wellbeing of London’s diverse communities. HUDU have submitted comments on the draft Local Plan on behalf of the CCG.

- 2.2 HUDU and the CCG consider that the Local Plan highlights the strong relationship between health and planning and recognises the impact of COVID19. HUDU and the CCG are content that the draft Local Plan clearly identifies within Table 2 the relationship between objectives and policies, particularly in relation to health and wellbeing.
- 2.3 The CCG will continue to work with LB Barnet to review healthcare infrastructure requirements in the Growth Areas, particularly Edgware Town Centre, Brent Cross and Cricklewood.
- 2.4 The CCG has contributed to the draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (June 2021) which will need to be kept under review to ensure that it aligns with the NHS North Central London Estates Strategy and estate priorities in Barnet and the health and care locality planning work already underway
- 2.5 HUDU and the CCG endorse the representations submitted by NHS Property Services and have suggested further changes to the draft Local Plan.

3.0 Policy HOU01 Affordable housing

- 3.1 HUDU, the CCG and LB Barnet will seek to agree the reference to key workers in Policy HOU01 and the inclusion of NHS staff.
- 3.2 With regard to para 5.4.9 all parties agree to consider that a reference to public sector land providing an opportunity to deliver homes that can meet the needs of essential workers.

4.0 Policy CHW01 Community Infrastructure

- 4.1 HUDU, the CCG and LB Barnet support the provision of health services in the Borough and the need for appropriate health provision. However, the NHS may seek to improve the provision of healthcare services by increasing efficiencies, including through the disposal of property. It is noted that an NHS property can only be released for disposal or alternative use by the NHS once declared surplus to requirements in accordance with service transformation and estate strategies.
- 4.2 All parties agree to work together to ensure that Policy CHW01 enables Barnet's healthcare needs to be met through the effective management of the NHS estate.

5.0 Policy CHW02 Promoting health and wellbeing

- 5.1 HUDU, the CCG and LB Barnet support the requirement for Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) on larger developments and will seek agreement on the need for any further guidance on the use of HIAs.

6.0 Policy ECC01 Mitigating Climate Change

- 6.1 HUDU and the CCG support Policy ECC01 Mitigating Climate Change. The NHS is committed to reaching 'net zero' carbon by 2040 and an 80% reduction in emissions by 2032. The report 'Delivering a Net Zero National Health Service' (January 2020) sets out interventions which will help the NHS decarbonise, including action to reduce emissions from the NHS estate, a move towards a sustainable model of healthcare with care closer to home, promoting less polluting travel options and preventing ill health which reduces hospital admissions.

7.0 Site Allocations


- 7.1 LB Barnet has reconsidered the use of percentages in the 'Proposed Uses' section of Site Proposals in Annex 1 to provide more flexibility in delivery of the new development.
- 7.2 HUDU and the CCG note that the LB Barnet will prepare a more detailed planning framework for Cricklewood Growth Area (Policy GSS04) and both parties will review healthcare infrastructure requirements in this area.
- 7.3 HUDU and the CCG support the proposed community use on Site No.27 Edgware Town Centre, and both parties will consider the potential to include community use as a proposed non-residential use to Site No.28 Edgware Underground & Bus Stations.
- 7.4 The CCG has been in discussion with the LB Barnet regarding the potential for health use as part of Hendon Hub proposals and both parties support the proposed community use allocated on the Meritage Centre site (Site no 40).

8.0 Governance arrangements

- 8.1 This SCG will be kept up-to-date and will form a key part of implementation of Local Plan policies and any future Local Plan review.

9.0 Signatories

- 9.1 Both signatories agree that this statement is an accurate representation of areas of agreement and disagreement between the two parties.

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