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Dear Jane and Local Planning Team,

My previous submission to earlier submissions focussed on my community neighbourhood area. My new submission reflects my role as Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and focuses on the areas of the plan that deal with health and wellbeing

**Best** 

**Cllr Masters** 

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#### Response of Health Scrutiny Chair

Overall, I feel any update of the local plan should be agreed for an interim shorter term of 1 to 2 years to allow the new government to bed in before revisiting local plans.

#### HS6 (Health and Wellbeing On The High St) pp143-45

While the cumulative impact restrictions on the spread of gambling outlets and fast food takeaways are appreciated, their belated arrival fails to address the issue of existing local saturation, merely ensuring that this crisis isn't worsened and allowing buildings with a preexisting license to continue to operate in this sphere even when the occupying business closes its doors.

To this effect I would like the granting of such permissions to be time or applicant-limited – if necessary through lobbying the government for a change in the law - forcing any new business moving into a premises with previous permissions to have to reapply – subject to our cumulative impact rules – until the level of distribution these rules lay out are met. If this isn't possible another option I would support would be to use changes a tightening of licensing laws to ensure healthier food offerings.

# Social Infrastructure

# <u>S12 – New and re-provided community facilities and health facilities pp159-167</u>

While I agree with most of the content here, the approach feels very reactive – focussed on doing no harm in the removal of facilities or ensuring that new proposals align with the wishes of service providers. What this doesn't do is ensure that the local health offer continues to meet the actual demands of any increases in population.

Given the potential shortfalls in local beds and GPs highlighted in the PA consulting report on Newham's next ten years of population growth (commissioned by our local North East London NHS Integrated Care System), I would like to see specific ratios of health provision to proposed increase in local housing agreed. This would be along lines of what has been agreed as ideal proportions of developments to be social rent.

Additionally, while I welcome the on-going alliance between East London Foundation Trust and the London Borough of Newham that underpins the funding of Health and Care Space Newham, I feel that the funding of such ventures could be boosted through a request for S106 or CiL contributions to ensure new developments have the health and care facilities they need.

### **Community Facilities**

3.124 – Looking at the map in the Newham Community Facilities Needs Assessment, I feel this misses many of the smaller locations offering similar

activities. To this end I feel this needs revisiting to capture the full picture of local facilities available	