

Livewell Developer Charter



1. Livewell

We recognise that there is a real need to collectively find solutions that contribute towards wellbeing and prevent ill-health in order to reduce cost to the NHS on social care and health. The livewell vision is to be an instantly recognisable and trusted identity working to improve the health and wellbeing of Essex residents.

2. Health and Planning

The built and natural environments are major determinants of health and wellbeing. We can help improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities by building strong, vibrant and healthy communities; creating healthy living environments that are supportive of active travel, community engagement, have access to healthier food environments and provide well designed homes and open spaces.

3. Developers Commitment

This Livewell Developer Charter includes 6 commitments that developers agree to support to promote health and wellbeing within their business and corporate responsibilities.

See Livewell Development Accreditation document for more information

We commit to supporting the following principles in the delivery of residential schemes:

- **Good design of homes and open spaces:**
Ensuring homes can be adapted for use over the lifetime and use of the Lifetime Neighbourhoods guidance
- **Increasing access to active environments using active design principles:**
Use Sport England Active Design Principles jointly prepared with Public Health England advising how to increase activity through the design process.
- **Environmental sustainability:**
Ensuring homes and communities can respond to climate and weather extremes. Ensuring there are considerations of the environmental impact of the construction phase.
- **Encouraging neighbourhoods and community cohesion:**
Provision of infrastructure for communities and engagement with communities. Ensure communities are accessible and inclusive with opportunities to socialise.
- **Increasing access to healthier food environments:**
Support the promotion of healthier food options and ensure that communities can access healthy food environments through active travel modes or public transport.
- **Promoting active travel and improving access to education, skills and employment:**
Ensuring new residential schemes have facilities that support active travel such as cycle storage facilities. Ensure connectivity between existing active routes and new routes and to key destinations.

4. Local Authority Commitment

As part of the Local Authority's commitment to this Livewell Charter, we commit that:

- An annual training event will be provided for Health Impact Assessments and other relevant health related topics
- Access to advice and guidance from Public Health at ECC and public health practitioners
- Support for Livewell design applications

This charter is to be reviewed annually in partnership with the Local Authority, Public Health and the Livewell Panel. Any use of the livewell branding must adhere to the livewell Branding Guidelines.

Approved by (LPA Representative):

Date

Signed on behalf of (Developer Representative):

Date

