

## Representation on the Sheffield Plan Publication (Pre-Submission) Draft

### Respondent details

**Comment ID number:** PDSP.094.001

**What is your Name:** Joanna718

**If you are making this representation as a member of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation:**

Age UK Sheffield/Sheffield 50+

**If you or your organisation are making a representation on behalf of another person, organisation or group, please tell us who it is and its role:**

N/A

### Document

**Which document to you wish to make a representation on:**

Part 1: Vision, Spatial Strategy, Sub-Area Policies and Site Allocations

**Which section of the document is your representation on:**

Policy T1: Enabling Sustainable Travel

**Which paragraph/site/map layer of the document is representation on:**

N/A

### Representation

**Do you consider the Local Plan is legally compliant:** Yes

**Do you consider the Local Plan is sound:** Yes

**Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the duty to co-operate:** Yes

**Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate:**

Not completed by respondent

**Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above:**

Not completed by respondent

**If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s):**

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

**If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

Older people represent large proportion of the population in Sheffield. We feel its of great importance that their voices are heard in any hearing sessions

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Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

Apologies for the lateness of our feedback but [REDACTED] who is leading it has been poorly for the last few days. We have tried to use the portal to feed back modifications but to be honest me and [REDACTED] were struggling to understand how we could comment under each specific Policy area that you kindly provided us with last week. It seemed to just ask us for the overall view of the group on the key questions so in order for us to be clear on what members would like to comment on I'm afraid I've had to resort to email. I have filled in an online representation stating that we would like to be involved in future hearings but below are the key points which hopefully wont be too difficult to place against specific parts of the plan.

There is a recognition of 3 key themes in our response:

Community Centre Use. Sheffield has some larger community centres which are currently underused, and could be used by existing communities more, and by other communities, particularly where there has been new developments

This needs to possibly be a responsibility of Local Area Committees LACs to identify what's available, as part of a Community Centre Use Strategy. This is particularly appropriate for looking at what's available, rather than developing new, possibly more underused, centres.

#### Transport

The concept of 20 minutes neighbourhoods is seen as a good idea, but only if 'voluntary', and not as a restraining limit imposed because of poor transport links.

Older people may not be able to manage the '20 minutes neighbourhood' without good transport links within that. SCC have to take into account the topography of the City

There needs to be more analysis of who actually uses public transport, and why they use it?

Transport Users Group has contacted SYPTE, but there has been a lack of response to date. SCC needs to use what influence it has to get the SYPTE engaged with this, as part of its own planning.

Bus companies have been changing/stopping routes and isolating specific areas, which has an impact on the suitability for older people living there. This has been particularly bad for reduced or no services in evenings, which has further limited movements of older people.

We need greater clarity on how the SY Mayor/ SYMCA is putting input into the Sheffield Plan on transport, and the impact on isolation and health. There is also input needed from Police services, Health services etc. Have all statutory bodies inputted into the plan.

The Transport Planners have talked of transport links for shops and other businesses opening up in these new areas of development. However, businesses are failing in many existing areas. e.g. City centre, Woodseats, Darnall, etc. How can it be avoided, that developments in some places contribute to decline further in existing commercial areas, particularly around transport links.

Can business grants and other financial incentives be given to set up in these new areas, which is not at expense of existing areas.

As many older people don't have much choice about where they live, and many areas don't have adequate facilities already, there needs to be an awareness of not making situation worse. They are the people that are often the hardest hit financially in many ways, and isolation from commercial centres can increase that.

Although the Clean Air Zone is seen as a positive move, there is concern about its huge impact

on many residents and businesses.

Will this have a further detrimental effect on public transport? As this is going to be a burden on taxis, will they want to drive into City Centre? Is this going to impact on people being able to move around?

We need an extension of the Tram system. e.g. to hospitals. Purple route only now runs once an hour.

Stagecoach contract due to be reviewed, and there needs to be pressure on improvements as part of contract review.

The historical lack of collaboration between South Yorkshire authorities to work together, has had an impact on the Tram extension, and the Mayoral Authority has to address this.

SCC should look to use the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to improve transport links, as a condition on developments

### Housing

Moving for economic reasons can become more difficult as people age, where they may feel they need to move but difficult to find appropriate accommodation. There is particular issue of the poor quality of many owner occupied properties as older people can't afford to maintain/improve services. Also older owner-occupier houses can't be converted or adapted for older people.

Housing associations are often offering a better option of rented housing that provides independent living at less cost than care facilities, and should be supported as much as possible. There are some very good examples of Supported Living, which should be extended, eg Buchanan Green, built by SCC, but they worked with Health services to provide a range of accommodation that suits people as they age, including care if required. Brunswick Village, Woodhouse, is another example of collaborative working. Other independent living properties, include security, care services, maintenance and insurance, as part of their portfolio of services, which should be encouraged. Dementia Friendly concepts should be extended to all new developments and services.

### Additional Points of note

- Greater focus on facilities in neighbourhoods i.e. benches, security, lighting
- Sheffield is a member of the World Health Organisation's network of Age Friendly Cities. Sheffield City Council have committed to, and have committed to leading this work. Is every policy/planning decision undertaken using the Age Friendly toolkit to ensure that SCC focuses on providing facilities, and spaces that benefit people as they age and move into different stages of life?
- There is still a lack of adequate toilet facilities across the city
- The coordination of services is different for different bodies. For example GP neighbourhoods are not always demographically thought out. They do not match the Council wards and they do not match the People Keeping Well assigned areas. This makes it difficult for social prescribing to operate as efficiently as it could as GP's, Councillors and the VCS sector, are having to navigate referrals to appropriate locality based activities and services.

Thanks

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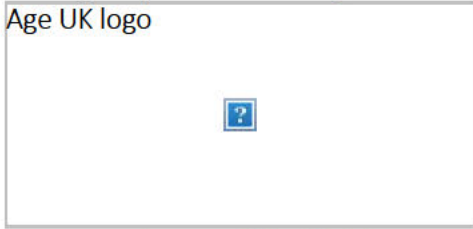
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