



## Property Services

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### **RE: Consultation on the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Update 2024**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document. The following consultation response is submitted by Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) and NHS Property Services (NHSPS).

#### **Background**

Cheshire and Merseyside ICB commissions (plans, designs and purchases) many of the health services that local people use, including medicines, hospital care, urgent and emergency services, mental health care, GP services, Community Pharmacy, dentistry and general ophthalmology (eye care services) and many community services.

NHSPS is part of the NHS and is wholly owned by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). NHSPS manages, maintains and improves NHS properties and facilities, working in partnership with NHS organisations to create safe, efficient, sustainable and modern healthcare environments. We partner with local NHS Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and wider NHS organisations to help them plan and manage their estates to unlock greater value and ensure every patient can get the care they need in the right place and space for them.

#### **Consultation response**

We note Policy EGB.1 Development of Green Belt in Principle part 5 states that such development will only be considered when there is access to shops and medical services within 500 metres. We support the principle of new housing development being accessible to healthcare facilities to ensure the health and wellbeing of local communities.

We are additionally supportive of the inclusion of the reference to the use of S106 or CIL funding towards improvements to health facilities at paragraph 10.1 given that health infrastructure is of strategic importance to supporting housing growth and sustainable development.

Lastly, we support the promotion of sustainable development through the co-location of compatible uses as set out in Policy EB.CA1 Support for business and employment growth in Bollington, which references the provision of health services facilities.



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### Conclusion

Cheshire and Merseyside ICB and NHSPS thank Bollington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for the opportunity to comment on the Regulation 14 consultation. Should you have any queries or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

NHSPS would be grateful to be kept informed of the progression of the Neighbourhood Plan via our dedicated email address, [town.planning@property.nhs.uk](mailto:town.planning@property.nhs.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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**For and on behalf of Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) and NHS Property Services Ltd**