Hello,
In particular I am responding in relation to the health and wellbeing content in the draft Local Plan.

I am encouraged to see a specific Health & Wellbeing policy contained within the draft Local Plan. Given the significant health and wellbeing issues / challenges in Corby and the significant impact that planning decisions and the design of new developments can have on community / individual health and wellbeing, it is critical that the health implications of development proposals are identified and addressed robustly, in order that:

- Any potential negative health and wellbeing implications of new development are identified and minimised.
- Any potential positive health and wellbeing aspects of new development are identified and maximised.

This approach will help ensure that new development can contribute to the aspirations and objectives of the Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

I would suggest that the scope of the health and wellbeing policy is currently quite narrow – it should be broadened to address relevant issues such as:

Healthy food
Urban design / healthy streets (e.g. [https://healthystreets.com/](https://healthystreets.com/))
Social interaction and infrastructure

I would also encourage you to consider how health and wellbeing aspects of development proposals can be systematically identified and assessed through the planning process. For example a Health Impact Assessment process can be useful in ensuring that development proposals do actually meeting Local Plan policy requirements, by systematically assessing the proposals and their likely impact on health and wellbeing.

I would also encourage you to consider health and wellbeing in your policy relating to the town centre. Urban environments offer an important opportunity to support health and wellbeing through various aspects of their design. [https://healthystreets.com/](https://healthystreets.com/)

Regards,