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Dear Mr Coleman

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the Wilton Priority Growth Area and the Draft Precinct Plan for the Wilton South East Precinct.

The Vision of South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) is 'Leading care, healthier communities'. We aim to work with others to create social and physical environments that are healthy and support healthy activities so that individuals, families and communities can enjoy the best health possible. Our comments below are intended to assist you to formulate policies and guidelines in relation to planning for South West Sydney in ways that assist the community to lead healthy lives and be healthy.

SWSLHD conducted and published a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of the Wilton Junction Master Plan in 2014¹. There are several recommendations from the HIA which we would like to reiterate, with regard to the Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan and these are outlined below.

Features of the draft plan that we would like to highlight and support include:

A target of 15,000 local jobs to create employment opportunities close to new homes is supported and we would recommend that the proposed development controls are established to ensure future subdivision does not occur until employment growth is in line with population growth.

We support the protection of existing endemic flora and fauna and commend plans for cycling infrastructure and walking trails, which will provide vital connections from home to work and leisure destinations and encourage physical activity and environmental sustainability.

Health Facility requirements for Wilton, Wollondilly

Within the next 20 to 30 years, Wilton will have around an additional 15,000 homes to an estimated 50,000 people. Currently there is one community health facility located in Wollondilly Local Government Area, located in the community of Tahmoor (20 kilometres from Tahmoor).

Preliminary infrastructure requirements for Wilton New Town have been identified by the Department of Planning and Environment in consultation with NSW Health (Ministry and SWSLHD). Currently a health facility has been identified.

A comprehensive planning process is currently being conducted by SWSLHD to determine the future requirements for community based care in South Western Sydney. This plan will outline the services required as well as health infrastructure requirements in growth areas including Wilton New Town.

The council will be engaged as a stakeholder in this planning process.

South Western Sydney Local Health District acknowledges the traditional owners of the land.

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There are no plans to establish a hospital at Wilton Junction. The Stage 2 redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital will provide Wollondilly residents access to high level services including acute care, paediatrics and mental health

Land purchase for potential Health Facility

The Government is investigating the creation of a Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) scheme for the new town. The SIC will create a framework for developers to share the costs and allows Government to coordinate delivery of major new transport and community infrastructure. A Health facility has been included in this list. It is proposed that land provided through SIC and capital cost and recurrent funding by NSW Government.

Hospital within Wilton

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The following comments and recommendations are made regarding the Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the Wilton Priority Growth Area and the Draft Precinct Plan for the Wilton South East Precinct:

Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the Wilton Priority Growth Area	
Community development and building social connectedness	Early provision of community infrastructure including childcare facilities and schools should be built in at the outset. It will be important for residents' health and mental wellbeing that such facilities are available close to home and workers are not forced to travel great distances to access childcare or schools away from their place of work.
The Environment, Page 9	Liaison with Water NSW on the effects of the Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan on Drinking Water Catchment Areas and any additional protections required is recommended.
Community Areas, Page 9	Liaison with the South Western Sydney Local Health District on projected health infrastructure needs for the Wilton Priority Growth Area and funding arrangements for required health infrastructure should be ongoing.
Western bridge over Picton Road	The provision of a new road and pedestrian bridges over Picton Road to provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists between the precinct and the existing Wilton Village is supported to promote physical activity and social cohesion. The timing of the Western Bridge over Picton Road at 1500 lots for western stage of Wilton South East needs to be considered earlier in line with the upgrade to Picton Road. Picton Rd is already very busy and a road upgrade will reinforce this physical barrier for residents south of this road, limiting their access and connections to the schools, community facilities and town centre to the north.
Provide bus services between Wilton and key local and regional destinations	The provision of a shuttle bus with occupation of first homes is supported. The vast majority of local schools and community infrastructure is not scheduled for development until the population reaches 20,000 or Picton High School reaches capacity, so there must be a reliable and regular bus

	service to ensure equitable access for the children and youth who are early residents to the Wilton Growth Area.
Timing of youth recreation centre and other community infrastructure	Consideration should be given to the earlier timing of a multipurpose community/youth facility in the growth area to provide the children and youth with accessible facilities closer to home. The Wilton Junction HIA ¹ report recommended that community facilities be designed as flexible spaces that can easily adapt as the community establishes.
	Precinct plans should include the development of a social plan including provision for community development workers to establish and build social cohesion and connections and engage the community in the development and activation of public domains and spaces. It is important that the placemaking is not just focussed on the physical elements of spaces but also on the social elements that communities rely on. These are particularly important for health and mental wellbeing.

In making these comments, we have relied on a wealth of evidence from Australia and overseas that provides guidance on ways in which the built environment can promote people's physical, mental and social health and wellbeing. Should you wish to consult some of this evidence useful summaries are provided in:

- 1 The NSW Healthy Urban Development Checklist – a pdf copy and an on-line version of the Checklist can be found at:
http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/PH_environments/resources.html
- 2 Healthy Built Environments. A Review of the Literature produced by the Healthy Built Environments Program at UNSW – this can be accessed at:
http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/upload/pdf/cf/hbep/publications/attachments/HBEPLiteratureReview_FullDocument.pdf

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these planning documents and are keen to continue to work in partnership with you. If you would like to discuss our submission further, please contact Dr Stephen Conaty, Director Population Health on 8738 5718 or stephen.conaty@sswahs.nsw.gov.au.

Regards



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http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/PH_environments/pdf/WiltonJunctionHealthImpactAssessment.pdf