## SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, HEALTH, A CARING CITY



## WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

**Profiteering fever** has taken over and social responsibility has gone out of the window, killing communities in the long term

A Caring City is people-centred, not development-centred: cohesion, inclusion, dignity for all.

**Community development** is part of a healthy city

Respect for minorities so they can flourish.

Different communities have a number of specific needs: not enough understanding of this

Lack of and loss of community spaces

Section 106 money disappears into Council black hole, doesn't go where it's needed

**The Care Sector** provides a focus for change (formal NHS and private health, social care as well as unpaid care work). Meet the needs of the people who work in it. Consider the after-effects of the part they played in Covid.

Health of the population is affected / worsened by how the city is planned, developed

**Too little affordable accommodation,** affordable housing is too far out: long travel journeys to work, expensive travel, working long hours, and anti-social hours, adds a lot to stress.

## WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

A standard percentage of community-use space allocated across new-builds.

Enforce high percentage of social housing in new-builds; also consider the needs of refugees

Allocation of Section 106 should be consulted on, time-pressured and transparent

Local community hubs for unpaid care workers and other groups

Use Community Wealth Building principles with local focus

**Neighbourhood focus in Plans** (Lifetime Neighbourhood principles) making neighbourhoods more self-sufficient and allowing both living and working.

**Community-Led Audits** to measure things of value locally to people, assess the needs, within and around an area that is potentially going to be developed. Must be done well in advance of development plans and decisions, with full involvement of all. (see *Just Space work on audits for Opportunity Areas, where this is vital*).

## **Recovery Plan:**

Policy 1 Care economy, circular economy and Green New Deal brought together

Policy 2 Widen social care movement bringing in community wealth building

Policy 3 Care Hubs, local, a place for support and resources

**Policy 4 Social licensing**, a form of regulation for care providers: to raise the standard of jobs in the care sector