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Considering Health in Planning

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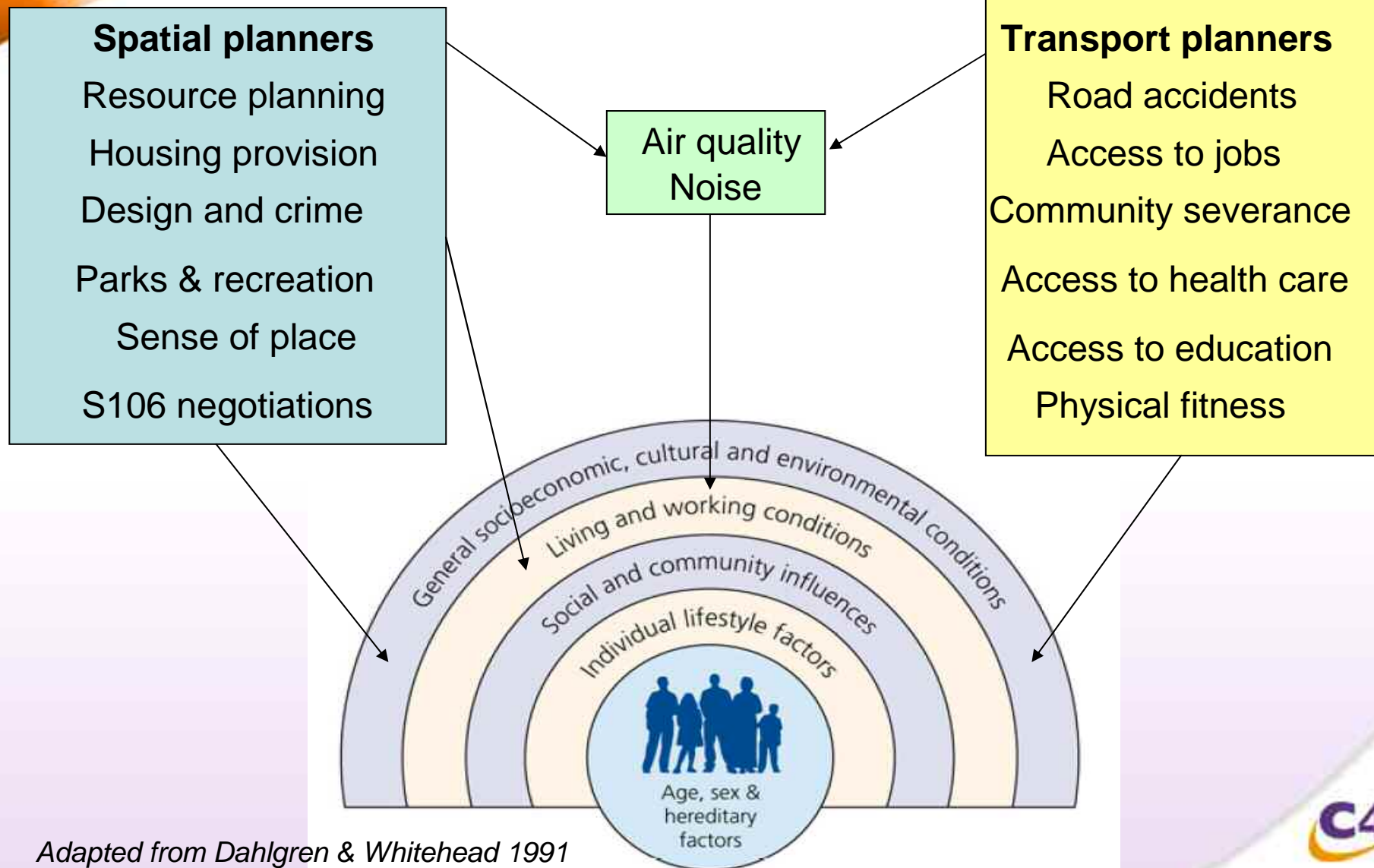
Introduction

- **Why planners should consider health**
- **Policy drivers**
- **Challenges**
- **Health in Local Transport Plans**
- **Breaking out**

Is Health Relevant?

- **Building sustainable communities, transport, leisure, housing, social inclusion all promote following themes:**
 - Partnership
 - Reducing inequalities
 - Addressing wider determinants of health

Its Health Relevant?



Adapted from Dahlgren & Whitehead 1991

Policy Drivers

- **Tackling Health Inequalities: Summary of Cross Cutting Review (DH, 2002)**
- **Securing Good Health for the Whole Population (Wanless, 2004)**
- **Choosing Health (DH, 2005)**
- **Out Heath, Our Care, Our Say (DH, 2006)**

Policy Drivers

- **PPS1 – Delivering Sustainable Development**
 - Take account of public health, services and monitoring measures
- **PPS10 Planning for Sustainable Waste Management**
 - Health related objectives
- **PPS11 – Regional Spatial Strategies**
 - Relationship between RSS and other strategies eg Health.
 - Annex seeks partnership with Local Health authorities, NHS and HSE
- **PPS12 – Local Development Frameworks**
 - Requirement to consult with Strategic Health Authorities
- **PPS23 – Planning and Pollution Control**
 - Health is a material consideration

Challenges

- **Ageing population**
- **Climate change**
 - increase in disease vectors, extreme weather events, urban environment not designed for very wet weather, or very warm weather
- **Housing/development demand**
 - Migration of population
 - Increase demand for health services or a surplus of health services
- **Changing health services**
 - Community based services
 - Centralised hospital facilities

Challenges

- **Limited consultations**
 - Planners rarely seek advice from health sector instead focus on statutory responsibilities: noise, air pollution, contaminated land, odours, waste issues and water quality. Things outside the 'enforcement remit' are rarely commented upon.
- **Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs)**
 - were seen as having a key role in integrating health into planning – but are they?

Health in SEA - LTPs

Local Transport Plans	Mentioned Health	Service Focus	Accidents	Promote Healthy Modes	Crime	Air Quality	Disabled	Rural	Social Inclusion	Monitoring
Cheshire County Council SEA Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊	😊	😞
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council SEA Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊	😞	😞
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council SEA Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊	😞	😞	😊	😊
East Sussex County Council SEA Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊	😞
Lincolnshire County Council SEA Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊	😊	😞
Buckinghamshire Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
Hertfordshire Env Report	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
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Scoping Reports (total 14)	100%	65%	86%	65%	93%	93%	15%	36%	36%	15%
Env Reports (total 11)	100%	100%	91%	100%	82%	100%	37%	64%	73%	46%

Breaking Out

- **Taking advantage of new arena**
- **Fire fighting in health and planning sectors**
- **Focus on performance targets**
- **Takes time to build partnerships**

RTPI Response

- *RTPI calls upon allied professional institutions, the NHS and the responsible Government departments to make a commitment towards improved consideration of the health agenda.*
- *While the RTPI supports the systematic and rigorous consideration of health issues in planning decisions, such consideration ought to take place within a system of integrated assessment, building on EIA, SEA and SA rather than creating a new layer of health impact assessment.*

RTPI Response

- **Joint institutions task group**
 - EPPN – Health task groups
 - Multi-institutional task group
 - Health and climate change
- **RTPI lobbying government**

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