Reviewer's report

Title: Neighbourhood perceptions of physical activity: a qualitative study.

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Reviewer: Charles Foster

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

none

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Inclusion of a published systematic review of qualitative studies would update the references. It might be useful to discuss the findings of the study in light of this review. The review found an absence of studies into the social groups reported in this paper.


Materials (p6) - please provide the rationale about what topic were selected as well as the source of this decision.

Analytic tool (p7) - please provide a supporting reference to your decision to combine categories from focus and interviews data.

Ref 49, 50 54 - please check the exposure measure for each study as they were not all physical activity (some were only walking). The relationship between the environment and physical activity would be better described as an association rather than influential (which could sound casual).

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests

Dr Charles Foster