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**To:** LDF  
**Subject:** Local plan consultation response

**Importance:** High

Dear Madam/Sir,

In response to Haringey's Local Plan alterations pertaining to the policy on hot food takeaways (DM47), I am writing you to express disappointment that ***'The council will resist proposals for hot food takeaway shops located within 400 meters of the boundaries of a primary or secondary school' (DMM0d101).***

London has the worst record on childhood obesity than most other peer global cities such as New York, Paris and Madrid. Over a third of London's children are overweight or obese by the time they leave primary school and childhood obesity is now an epidemic that needs to be tackled. In turn, London CCGs and NHS England are supporting this priority through the Healthy London Partnership prevention programme and the Great Weight Debate.

**The Great Weight Debate (GWD)** is a multi-stage conversation on childhood obesity to fully engage and involve Londoners in the health of their children, and to galvanise social action to tackle one of the most pressing public health challenges facing London in recent years.

A recent GWD survey to gauge public opinion and views on childhood obesity in London showed that Haringey residents highlighted fast food outlets and unhealthy food and drink were key concerns:

- Q3: Haringey residents told us that top 3 things that made it hard for children to lead healthier lives were:
  - Too many fast food outlets
  - Too many cheap unhealthy food and drink options
  - Too much advertising of unhealthy food and drink options
- Q5: Haringey residents told us that in order for children to be better supported to lead healthier lives, there needed to be:
  - Limit on the number of fast food outlets
  - Support or families to cook healthier food
  - Cheaper healthier food and drink options

As most hot food takeaways provide the majority of a child's daily calories (pizza/chicken & chip = c.1500 cal), fast food takeaways near schools are linked to childhood obesity.

I hope you will reconsider the hot food takeaway shop restriction located within 400 meters of the boundaries of a primary or secondary school.

Regards,

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# The Great Weight Debate

A London conversation  
on childhood obesity



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