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### Response to the Consultation – Park View Secondary School; N15 3QR

Park View secondary school is located on the junction of Langham Road and West Green Road, N15 3QR. We have 1080 pupils in years 7 -11 with a gender mix of 55% boys and 45% girls and from very diverse ethnic communities.

We have external caterers on site who are committed to the principles of Eatwell and Healthy Living. As such their menus and food offer is designed to attract the widest audience and achieve compliance with all healthy food agenda. The menus aim to eliminate or reduce intake of sugar, saturated fats, salt and other undesirable ingredients from the menu – be it in food or drink. The daily option of meat based or vegetarian main meal reflects the School's commitment to support the child's development through a healthy diet.

Over past few years working closely with our caterers the School has been very successful in increasing the numbers of pupils who take up our on-site catering offer. This is evident through the increasing numbers passing through the tills each day. But we are very disappointed when at day end we still find pupils who have ignored the healthy food offer at lunch time (12:50 – 1:50) in preference for a "chicken n chips" at 15:15 from the "chicken shops et al" all within our immediate boundary fence.

We acknowledge that there is a place for such commercial outlets in the community but we strongly dispute the need to place them within 400 metres of school gates.

We strongly urge the Council to review its planning policies to such applications close to school premises. Please amend policies that reduce opportunities for children to purchase from such outlets – so that schools including Park View can concentrate on promoting the healthy food agenda to pupils during and after the school day.

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