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**Subject:** Removal of 400m exclusion zone

To whom it may concern,

It is with dismay that I hear that the removal of the 400m exclusion zone is being debated, truly this is a regressive steps for schools who are battling against the incessant wave of childhood obesity. The close proximity of chip shops and other take away outlets near schools just compounds our difficulties, no one wants to restrict free trade but when it is having a detrimental effect on our children's health then schools and educational commentators have to make a stand.

Think of the logic of having fast food establishments selling high calorific food being open on the way and the way back from school. Hungry, tired children on their way home will have to have enormous will power to shun cheap, high carbohydrate ridden food. Once sated on such food how will it affect their evening meal choices? Will they want or be able to eat a balanced food plate later on in the evening? Will they need another meal? I doubt it! Immediate gratification will rule and our pupil's chance of eating five-a-day will diminish greatly.

Furthermore, my school borders on Albert Recreation Ground, a green flag park that suffers greatly because of local take away food shops. Discarded foam/plastic containers, chip wrappings, dropped plastic bottles pollute this area of beauty and pose a threat to wildlife and increase the likelihood of pest infestation (e.g. rats).

I understand your wish to develop commerce and raise business rates but please think again do not remove the 400m exclusion zone.

Best wishes,  
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