



Planning Guidance on new Hot Food Takeaways  
in the City of Wolverhampton

# Adoption of Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

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# Background

- Strong relationship between spatial planning and health
- Opportunity **to improve access to healthy eating choices**
- Supporting **economic viability and vitality** of town centres
- Important part of coordinated approach to tackle unhealthy diet and obesity
- Links to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Black Country Core Strategy (Local Plan)

# Purpose of SPD

- Informs local planning decisions around Hot Food Takeaways in line with NPPF
  - Section 2 – Ensuring the vitality of town centres
  - Section 8 – Promoting healthy communities
- Considers number of similar premises in vicinity, clustering, and proximity to secondary schools
  - 400m ‘buffer zone’ around secondary schools (approx. 5-minute walk)
- Limits new outlets in sensitive locations to help **promote healthy communities** and maintain the **character, vitality and viability** of our high streets

# What the SPD covers

- Fast food/hot food outlets (A5 use)
  - E.g. Pizza takeaways, fish and chip shops and chicken shops, drive-throughs
  - Does not apply to restaurants, cafes and sandwich shops
- Each proposal assessed on individual merit - guidance applied with some flexibility
- SPD relates to proposals for **new outlets only** - it will not require any existing outlets to close

# Health and wellbeing impacts

- SPD helps to promote a healthy environment and support people to **make healthier food choices and reduce health inequalities**
- Will contribute to tackling obesity

# Environment and city vitality

- Limiting dominance of HFTs helps ensure that our retail centres are **diverse and vibrant**
- Other harmful impacts include increased incidence of litter, smells, antisocial behaviour, noise and general disturbance, as well as parking and traffic problems

# Public consultation and response

- Draft SPD approved by Cabinet 18 October 2017
- Public consultation 30 October to 11 December 2017
  - Document available at Civic Centre, main libraries and Council website
  - Statutory consultees and key stakeholders notified and engaged
- Four representations were received directly - high social media profile
- Suggested changes incorporated into final SPD where appropriate

# Monitoring and reviewing impact

- Arrangements set out in Section 7 (p.31) of SPD
  - Address and current use of each A5 unit provided in 'Hot Food Takeaway Data Sheet' for each centre
  - Kept up to date with annual survey of all centres and through use of monitoring data
- Data on childhood obesity are collected locally via the National Child Measurement Programme