

## Mr Daniel Heller comments

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I support the proposal to ban all new hot food takeaways being opened within 400 metres walking distance of an existing or a proposed school. The availability of cheap, high-sugar and fat food that is convenient to children is one of the main drivers behind deepening the unprecedented childhood obesity crisis we are suffering in London. These levels of childhood obesity are causing enormous strain on the NHS now and will continue to do so later into the future. Furthermore this effect is more stark in the most deprived areas where there are more fast food outlets (also near to schools) and worse levels of childhood obesity. This is an issue of fairness for the most deprived in London, but also is about our future wellbeing as a city. We should be working with the food retail industry to encourage them to sell cheap, fresh, healthy food, and not enabling them to sell cheap, unhealthy fast-food to our vulnerable children.