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Dear Mr. Khan,

Re: Consultation on the Draft New London Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the new London Plan. We welcome the general focus of using planning policy to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of Londoners.

The six good growth policies (Chapter 1) especially GG3 *Creating a healthy city* are comprehensive in encouraging planning and development departments to assess the potential impacts of development proposals on the health and wellbeing of communities and to consider how Londoners can be supported to make healthy choices.

We support the Social Infrastructure policies (Chapter 5) that outline the need to regularly assess the local need for sport and recreational facilities and the importance of increasing opportunities and accessible provisions for safe play and informal recreation for children and young people.

With London having the highest rate of obesity in 10-11 year olds in England, we support the policy that A5 hot food takeaway uses should not be permitted where they will be within 400 metres walking distance of an existing or proposed primary or secondary school (Chapter 6).

We also support the encouragement to Boroughs to consider the management of an over concentration of A5 hot food takeaway uses within Local, District and other town centres through the use of locally-defined thresholds in Development Plans. There is growing evidence that the primary driver for obesity in children is the increasing consumption of high sugar and fatty foods. As the number of fast food retail outlets in London continues to increase especially in more deprived areas of the city, it is imperative that healthy affordable food options and outlets become accessible to all Londoners.

Thank you and with best wishes,

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