

# School Food Matters comments

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Communal open space: In major development residents should have access to communal gardens where it will be possible to experience the seasons, enjoy plants and have the opportunity to engage in food growing themselves.

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Food should be more fully considered within planning social infrastructure.

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London's food and restaurant sector should be included as one of Mayor's sectors to promote enterprise, particularly those that promote healthy food and are led by local organisations.

Page: [Policy E9 Retail, markets and hot food takeaways](#)

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We're encouraged by the ban on new fast food takeaway outlets within 400m of schools. We would like to see this extended to include a ban on outdoor advertising of unhealthy food and sugary drinks (legal High Fat Sugar and Salt (HFSS) definition used by Ofcom), especially on public transport routes used by school children; or a levy on such advertising hypothecated to pay for children's health promotion.

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This policy does not go far enough to support and encourage food growing and farming within metropolitan land and the Green Belt, despite the evidence of its multiple benefits.

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This should go much further to protect and enhance food growing for its multiple benefits. Please add:

"London's resources of land and soil for agriculture, horticulture, orchards and private and community gardens should be protected, planned for, designed and managed as integrated features of a healthy city and green infrastructure. In major developments, the Mayor will require space for the cultivation of food in order to create a greener and more resilient city."