

## DRAFT NEW LONDON PLAN – EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

### Statement on Matter M91

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**Hot-Food Takeaways M91. Are policies E9C and E9D relating to proposals containing hot-food takeaways justified and consistent with national policy and guidance about healthy communities and limiting the proliferation of certain use classes in identified areas? In particular:**

- a) Is the development of hot-food takeaways and associated planning conditions a matter of strategic importance to London, or a detailed matter that would be more appropriately dealt with through local plans or neighbourhood plans?**
- b) What evidence is there indicating high levels of obesity, deprivation and general poor health in London?**
- c) What evidence is there of over-concentration and clustering of hot-food takeaways in London?**
- d) Would restricting development of hot food takeaways within 400 metres walking distance from the entrances and exits of existing and proposed primary and secondary schools positively support the delivery of policy GG3 "creating a healthy city"?**

**M91 a) Yes** – There is a need to provide strategic leadership in improving the health of Londoners, especially children, through tackling the location and any over-concentration of hot-food takeaways.

**M 91 b) and c)** These are matters which the GLA should answer.

**M91 d) Yes – definitely!**

The Government's position on this issue, as quoted by Steve Bryant, a health Minister on BBC Radio 4 at 12.20pm on Wednesday 27 February, is that the Government gave local authorities planning powers over ten years ago to control the increase in hot-food takeaways, and it is up them to exercise this control. This refers to the changes to the Use Classes Order which created the A5 Use Class.

The existence of over 7,000 existing hot food takeaways is of concern. The problem seems to be the high fat, salt and sugar content of what hot food takeaways supply but there seems nothing the Mayor can do about that. The Government should consider the need to intervene to prevent obesity and the demands on the health service that results from it.

The 400m ban around schools is inadequate and should be at least 600m, as children would walk further than that if addicted to the produce of such establishments. Many of them would pass near (or could divert to) hot food takeaways on their way home. However, little can be done about existing hot food takeaways.