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Dear Sir / Madam

The Mayor's London Plan Examination in Public (EIP)

The London Healthier Places Network is a public health led network of public health specialists representing London boroughs. We have a particular interest in health inequalities and the wider social and environmental determinants of health.

Town centres and retailing - Hot Food Takeaways [M91]

The LHP Network firmly supports Policy E9 of the Draft New London Plan ("the Plan") which restricts the development of new hot food takeaways within 400 metres walking distance of schools. This will positively support the delivery of Policy GG3 'Creating a healthy city', in particular Clause G of the policy which seeks 'to create a healthy food environment, increasing the availability of healthy food and restricting unhealthy options' and Clause B to 'promote more active and healthy lives for all Londoners and enable them to make healthy choices'.

Childhood obesity is a major problem in London. London has the highest level of childhood overweight and obesity in England: 38% of London's 10-11 year olds are overweight or obese compared to 34% nationally¹.

We also support the requirement for A5 units to meet the Healthier Catering Commitment standard (Part D of Policy E9). Saturation of these uses are strongly associated with deprivation, poor health and health inequalities (Royal Society for Public Health (2018) 'Health on the High Street: Running on empty'). Health Impact Assessments (HIA) are an important tool to identify these opportunities to

¹ National Child Measurement Programme - England, 2015-16

London Healthier Places is a public health network for London boroughs working with town planning, licensing, trading standards & environmental health to promote healthier town centres & high streets.

maximise potential health gains, minimise harm, and address health inequalities that may arise from developments early on in the planning process. We strongly support the Policy GG3 of the Plan that requires the health and wellbeing impacts of development proposals to be assessed using tools like Health Impact Assessments.

Yours faithfully



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