

Halton Borough Council
Supplementary Planning Document
Hot Food Takeaways
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Statement of Consultation

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement sets out the main issues raised by formal representations received on the Consultation of the Draft Hot Food Takeaway SPD which was undertaken between 22nd September and the 4th November 2011, in accordance with regulation 18 of the Town and Country (Local Development)(England) regulations 2004, as amended.

2 The Purpose of the SPD

- 2.1 This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) aims to address the over-abundance of hot food takeaway establishments in Halton and advises on the appropriate location and concentration of such premises. It is to be used as a guide for applicants seeking planning permission for a Hot Food Takeaway (A5 use) in Halton.
- 2.2 The SPD explains the Council's overall approach to hot food takeaway development, and sets out considerations related to:
- ❖ Over-concentration and clustering
 - ❖ Proximity to Schools, Playing fields and play-spaces
 - ❖ Highway Safety
 - ❖ Protection of Residential Amenity
 - ❖ Hours of Operation
 - ❖ Odours and Cooking Smells
 - ❖ Disposal of Waste Products
 - ❖ Litter
 - ❖ Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- 2.3 The SPD provides further detail on the implementation of the Halton Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD), objectives and policies and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for new hot food takeaway establishments in the Borough.

3 Methods of Consultation

- 3.1 Local Development Framework documents must be prepared in accordance with the local Authority's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which sets out guidelines for public and stakeholder involvement in the preparation of documents within Halton's Local Development Framework, including SPD's.
- 3.2 Halton's SCI was adopted by the Council on 19th July 2006. The SCI aims to develop continuous community involvement in an effort to improve the effectiveness of consultation and frontload the process. The SCI sets out the standards the Council is committed to achieving in involving stakeholders in the local planning process. The different methods of public consultation used to maximise community and stakeholder engagement in the process are shown in Section 15, page 24, of the SCI: available at: www3.halton.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/localdevelopmentframework/
- 3.3 In the formulation of the LDF and to allow as many individuals and organisations as possible to be involved in the consultation process of LDF documents, a consultation database was constructed for the LDF. This database was used to identify those individuals and organisations who had requested to be kept informed of the production of SPD's.
- 3.4 The planning system requires that a record be kept of any consultees, their comments and how they have been taken into account, throughout the production of an SPD. An informal draft of the Hot Food Takeaway SPD was circulated internally between 8th August and 22nd August 2011 to a number of key stakeholders for comment. This consultation stage was essentially concerned with seeking technical observations from individuals within organisations that would either use or potentially endorse the document once it becomes an adopted SPD. This consultation was not looking for ratification of the document by those organisations.
- 3.5 A number of minor amendments were made to the SPD as a consequence of this consultation and on the 8th August 2011, the Council formally approved the Draft Hot Food Takeaway SPD for the purpose for public consultation.

- 3.6 The Draft Hot Food Takeaway SPD was published for a six week consultation period between 22nd September 2011 and 4th November 2011 in accordance with the Council's adopted SCI¹ and under regulation 17 of the Town and Country (Local Development)(England)(Regulations) 2004.
- 3.7 The consultation was timed to coincide with the Halton 'Foodie Fortnight' which focused on providing food, health and healthy-eating related information and advice in public venues throughout Halton and featured in Runcorn & Widnes Weekly News, Runcorn & Widnes World, Radio Merseyside, Cheshire Life website, Liverpool Daily Post, Wire FM and Halton Community Radio. . In addition to the Foodie Fortnight publicity, the document was placed in 'deposit locations' throughout the Borough and on the Council's website, individual notification letters were sent to statutory consultees and those individuals and organisations on our consultation database who had requested to be informed of the production of SPD's.
- 3.8 A total of six responses to the consultation were received. A summary of the responses received and how the comments have been incorporated in the SPD are listed in Appendix 1. As can be seen from the responses, no significant points were raised during the public consultation.

¹ HBC (2006) Statement of Community Involvement

Appendix 1

Summary of Representations received following the Public Consultation 22nd September – 4th November 2011

Respondent	Comment Received	HBC Comment	Change Included
Health and Safety Executive	Ensure all proposed new establishments falling within the consultation zone of a Major Accident Hazard site consult the HSE.	Comments welcomed and noted.	N/A
Mr A I Newton	In agreement with policy HFT 2 Over proliferation.	Comments welcomed and noted.	N/A
Heart of Mersey (HOM)	Fully support HFT 1 Proximity to Schools. In particular 400 metre restriction of primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges. (page 9 para6.1)	Comments welcomed and noted.	N/A
Highways Agency	Support HFT 3 Highway Safety in particular that highway safety will be a main consideration of any planning application for a new hot food takeaway establishment.	Comments welcomed and noted.	N/A
Halton and St Helens NHS - PCT	Fully support HFT1 Proximity to Schools and HFT 2 Over proliferation and clustering.	Comments welcomed and noted.	N/A
Paul Mullane, Halton Housing Trust	The Trust acknowledges and generally supports the arguments put forward for introducing the 400m exclusion zone around schools. However for clarity the policy needs	Comments welcomed and noted.	Additional text added to policy: Town, District and Local Centre Boundaries are excluded from the

	to exclude town centre boundaries from the 400m exclusion zone mapping and incorporate additional text to provide clarification.		400 metre exclusion zone around primary and secondary schools and sixth form colleges.
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