

21 May 2021
Our ref: 7289432

Thank you for your request received on 4 May 2021, for the following information:

I am a researcher at the University of Cambridge, working on a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funded project investigating the retail impacts of local authority Hot Food Takeaway outlet (until recently Use Class A5) 'exclusion zones' around schools. An exclusion zone is an area within which new takeaway food outlets will not be allowed to open. We are planning to evaluate their subsequent impacts on health and the local economy.

To assist us with this major national evaluation, please can you reply to this request with the following information:

1. If your local authority has a planning criterion designed to create a hot food takeaway 'exclusion zone' around schools, contained in an adopted or interim policy or guidance document (such as a Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Document, or Development Management Plan), please can you send us a copy of this document. For example, you might have an adopted supplementary planning document that contains a criterion describing how 'proposals for new hot food takeaways located within 400 metres of schools will not be accepted'.

2. If your adopted policy or guidance document superseded a previous version that also contained an exclusion zone planning criteria, please also send us the first edition of this document.

3. If you no longer have an adopted policy or guidance document that contains an exclusion zone planning criteria, but these criteria were contained in a superseded document that is now out-of-date, please send us a copy of this out-of-date document.

4. If you have never had an adopted policy or guidance document that contained an exclusion zone planning criteria, please also let us know.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information requested.

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We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

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Barnet Council have an emerging policy on managing hot food takeaways around schools in the Reg 18 Local Plan

(http://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/draft_local_plan_reg_18.pdf). Policy TOW03: Managing Clustering of Town Centre Uses states:

The Council will resist the proliferation and over concentration of:

a) hot food takeaways and will not permit proposals in Use Class A5 that:

ii) are located within 400m of the boundary of an existing school or youth centre

http://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/draft_local_plan_reg_18.pdf

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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