

Briefing Note

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Subject: Policies for hot food takeaways

London wide approach

- Two councils in London have produced Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to address the issue of A5 uses which are hot food takeaways.
- Waltham Forest adopted their SPD in March 2009.
- Barking and Dagenham's SPD is still in draft with adoption expected late next year.

Key policy basis for SPD for both councils

- Protection of shopping frontages
- Food and drink uses

Outcomes from these policies

- Barking and Dagenham have no results as their document is still in draft
- Waltham Forest is applying their SPD along with the other policies in their UDP. There is no clear evidence of the effect of the SPD itself.

Our council policies

- UDP policies 1.7, 1.9 and 1.10 protect shopping areas similar to that in other boroughs
- Emerging core strategy policy 3 requires a balance of uses in centres
- No food and drink policies in either document

Implications of our policies

- Can protect existing shopping areas/ centres and require a mix of uses
- Currently our policies would not allow the application of a 400m/ 10 min walking distance policy from schools or parks in an SPD as there is no food and drink policy. This could be address in the future. Please see below.

Way forward

- Gather evidence on the effectiveness of policies in other councils
- Examine need in our borough and whether a policy would be effective
- Consider if it would be appropriate to have a Development Management policy (This Development Plan Document will be prepared in 2010 with the first phase of consultation scheduled for January 2011)

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