

P-04-373 School Exclusion Zones for Mobile Hot Food Vans

Petition wording:

The Petitioners call upon the Welsh Government to consider legislation to exclude Mobile Fast Food Vans from operating within a 400 metre exclusion zone around all schools in Wales during the hours of 8am to 4.30pm weekdays during term time.

Petition raised by: Arfon Jones

Date petition first considered by Committee: 13 March 2012

Number of signatures: 43

Supporting information: Wrexham Council have recently agreed a Planning Guidance note which states that – New Hot Food Takeaways should not be located... within 400 metres of the boundary of a school or tertiary college. Planning conditions cannot be used to restrict use of mobile fast food vehicles and if they comply with highways and environmental health regulations they can operate unlicensed. It is therefore argued that to legislate as suggested will serve to promote a social objective of reducing the availability of cheap unhealthy foods to children, to reduce obesity and to promote healthy eating.