

**APPLICATION NO: F/YR20/0910/F**

**SITE LOCATION: 1 Main Road, Parson Drove, Wisbech**

**UPDATE**

A representation has been received from Stephen Barclay, MP passing on the concerns of a constituent regarding the siting of a take-away in close proximity to a school and citing the “Healthy people, healthy places briefing, Obesity and the environment: regulating the growth of fast food outlets” prepared by Public Health England in conjunction with the Local Government Association and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in March 2014.

This document is a briefing note and gives advice to Local Authorities on how they should approach the issue of fast food outlets from several perspectives with the intention of improving public health.

A representation has also been received directly from the constituent in this regard, and re-iterating the previous concerns expressed regarding the application.

Officer response:

The original report omits to reference paragraph 91 of the NPPF. Paragraph 91(c) provides general advice in regard to planning policies and decisions and how they should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles by access to healthier food.

The NPPG states that Local Planning Authorities can have specific planning policies and supplementary planning documents which seek to limit the proliferation of particular uses where there is evidence that this is appropriate, for example proximity of such development in relation to schools, community centres and playgrounds.

Alderman Payne Primary School is located within 15 metres of the eastern boundary of the site. However, the Fenland Local Plan does not have planning policies, and the Council has no supplementary planning documents, that relate specifically to creating healthier food environments, or which explicitly limit the provision of fast food outlets in proximity to schools. Given this lack of relevant policy, and the evidence base which would be behind this, it would therefore be unreasonable to refuse this application on this basis.

The other issues raised in the representation received are considered to have been addressed within the officer report.

**Resolution: No change to the recommendation which is to grant the application as per Section 11 of Agenda item 6 on page 79.**