



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0205
Proposal	Change of use from butcher shop (Use Class Ea) to hot food takeaway (Use Class Sui Generis) including installation of extraction equipment on rear elevation.
Address	46 Agnes Road, Barnsley, S70 1NH
Date of Consultation Reply	4 th May 2026
Consultee	Public Health

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Hot Food Takeaway Planning Application – 2026/0205

Barnsley Council is committed to enhancing and diversifying the local food environment, increasing access to nutritious and high-quality food, and addressing diet health issues such as obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Given that nearly 40% of Barnsley’s children leave primary school overweight or obese, shaping the local food environment is a crucial strategy in supporting healthier lifestyles. A Barnsley food plan has been introduced to improve and diversify the local food environment, increase access to healthy, good quality food, reduce obesity levels and improve obesity related health outcomes, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Public Health has reviewed the proposal in line with the latest local and national guidance.

The comments below are made with regard to:

- The **Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**
- **Planning Advice Note (PAN)** for Hot Food Takeaways
- The **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, which requires planning decisions to promote healthy and inclusive communities and to take account of health and wellbeing.
- The **Barnsley Local Plan** and associated planning guidance, which seek to manage the location and concentration of hot food takeaways to support healthier food environments.
- Local public health evidence highlighting the cumulative impact of hot food takeaways on population health outcomes.

Assessment of the Application:

The application seeks a change of use from a butcher’s shop to a hot food takeaway on Agnes Rd, Barnsley. The change of use would result in an additional outlet selling



hot takeaway food, increasing the availability and accessibility of energy dense- food options.

While the application indicates that the use would be **takeaway and delivery only**, with no customer seating, Public Health notes that such uses still contribute to the overall food environment and exposure to unhealthy food choices. The absence of seating does not remove or reduce the public health impact associated with the proliferation of hot food takeaways.

The submission does not demonstrate how the application would contribute positively to healthier food provision or mitigate its potential negative impacts on diet and health.

Local Data and Intelligence

- **Obesity and Excess Weight:** Levels of obesity and excessive weight are a significant health concern in Barnsley. According to the local Fingertips data, 72.8% of Barnsley adults are overweight or obese, which is 8% higher than the national average ¹. Over a third (40.4%) of Barnsley's 10–11-year-olds are overweight or obese, and 26.6% of 4–5-year-olds carry excess weight (2024-2025).
- **Kingstone Ward Data:**
 - Population: 10,680
 - The prevalence of overweight (including obesity) 3-year average (2022-24) for Reception aged children (4-5 Year Olds) is: 23.3%. England average is 23.5%)
 - The prevalence of overweight (including obesity) 3-year average (2022-24) for Year 6 children (10-11 Year Olds) is: 37.8% (England average 36.2%)

[Obesity, physical activity and nutrition - Data | Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

Planning Guidance and Assessment

- The NPPF and local guidance suggest that further takeaways in wards with high levels of childhood obesity over 32% in 10–11-year-olds are likely to conflict with the aim of supporting healthy lifestyles. The prevalence of overweight (including obesity) 3-year average (2022-24) for Year 6 children (10-11 Year Olds) is: 37.8%, however there is a data lag and this should be taken in to consideration.

¹ [Obesity, physical activity and nutrition | Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)



Conclusion

Public Health recommends that the planning application for a new hot food takeaway in the Kingstone Ward is refused, considering the above evidence and guidance. The proposal is likely to conflict with both national and local policies aimed at promoting healthy environments and reducing obesity, particularly among children. We advise that the application is refused unless the applicant can demonstrate substantial mitigation of health impacts and alignment with the Council's health and wellbeing objectives. This should be demonstrated through the completion of a full Health Impact Assessment as set out in the PAN.

If further information or clarification is required, please contact Public Health for additional data or guidance

References

[National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK](#)

[Barnsley Councils Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document \(SPD\)](#)

[Barnsley Councils Hot Food Takeaway Planning Advice Note \(PAN\)](#)

[Obesity, physical activity and nutrition | Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

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<u>Consultation Informative(s):</u>	
<u>Planning Obligations required:</u>	