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e-mail response sent to: HealthyWeightHealthyWales@gov.wales

Dear Sir/Madam,

Response to: Healthy Food Environment

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) is the largest professional institute for planners in Europe, representing some 27,000 spatial planners. RTPI Cymru represents the RTPI in Wales, with 1,300 members. The Institute seeks to advance the science and art of planning, working for the long-term common good and well-being of current and future generations. The RTPI develops and shapes policy affecting the built environment, works to raise professional standards and supports members through continuous education, training and development.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. While many of the issues discussed in this consultation are outside planning, our comments on the key issues in relation to planning and healthy environments generally are set out below.

[Planning Policy Wales](#), puts placemaking and well-being at the very heart of the planning system in Wales, working to support the sustainability goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act and reducing health and well-being inequalities.

We welcome the recognition of the importance of both planning and placemaking throughout this consultation document, recognising that “good planning ensures the right development is put in the right place. This helps to create healthy, vibrant places”. [Update to Future Wales - The National Plan 2040 \(gov.wales\)](#)

Strong collaboration across a number of sectors and stakeholders is required to facilitate healthy communities that understand the implications of their choices and behaviour and resources should be made available to support meaningful, joint working.

Local, place-based issues surrounding permitted development rights/Use Classes Order and town centres can be highly complex. RTPI Cymru supports addressing these important issues, holistically and collaboratively, with context specific actions based on strong evidence and data. For example, in relation to the issues raised in the consultation regarding the location of hot food takeaways, we would call for support and resources to encourage closer working between planning and environmental health departments in relation to licensing and planning applications, encouraging joined up working on a shared vision for an area which can have a visible impact on outcomes on the ground, within our local communities. The inclusion of Town Centre Managers, Chambers of Trade, local communities etc. in wider discussions around developing healthy environments are also vital.

If you require further assistance, please contact RTPI Cymru on 020 7929 8197 or e-mail Roisin Willmott at walespolicy@rtpi.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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