

Policy HW2

Hot Food Takeaway and Fast Food, and Evening Economy

1. This Policy aims to ensure town centres and the wide district are healthy and vibrant places to enjoy.
2. Applications for hot food takeaways and fast-food outlets:
 - a. Should be refused when they are within walking distance (1.2km) of schools or other places where children and young people congregate, unless the location is within a designated town centre or local centre; or
 - b. Should be refused when they are in locations where there is evidence that a concentration of such uses is having an adverse impact on local health, pollution, or anti-social behaviour;
 - c. should not lead to an overconcentration of these uses within any one individual locality. Planning permission will not normally be granted for hot food takeaway use where the number of approved establishments, within the ward, equals or exceeds the UK national average, per 100,000 population;
 - d. should include the provision of a litter strategy for the immediate vicinity to reduce littering in the public realm.
3. Proposals related to the evening economy should:
 - a. Be consistent with the Council's Town Centre Strategy and Neighbourhood Plan;
 - b. Complement existing uses in the surrounding area and mitigate/prevent any adverse impacts on the amenity and continued operation of these uses;
 - c. Demonstrate there would not be a significant adverse effect on amenity or function, particularly impacts on residential uses;
 - d. Promote access via sustainable modes of transport and avoid reliance on private vehicular transport, including private hire vehicles; and
 - e. Consider the potential for allowing daytime uses to activate the space, including on a meanwhile use basis, where the use is only intended to operate during evening/night-time hours.