PET(4)-10-12 : Tuesday 19 June 2012 P-04-373 : School Exclusion Zones for Mobile Hot Food

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Dear William

I refer to your letter of 12 March, concerning a petition to introduce exclusion zones around schools to prevent mobile hot food vans from operating.

As the petitioner notes, planning policies such as those introduced by Wrexham County Borough Council can control the development of new fast food properties around schools, and it is open to local planning authorities to introduce such policies where necessary.

However, planning controls do not extend to the use, or the parking, of vehicles. You may wish to investigate whether highway or parking controls could be used to introduce this proposal.

I also note the petitioner's comment about the ability of such businesses to operate unlicensed. Licensing issues are a matter for my colleague Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities, and any suggestions for the introduction of new licensing arrangements for businesses would be more appropriately directed to him.

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