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Dear Mr. Steele

Thank you for your letter of 4 November 2009 to the Minister regarding the development of hot food outlets on arterial routes in Belfast. Your letter has been passed to Planning Service Headquarters to respond to you directly.

Planning Service already has a number of robust polices and guidelines in place relating to hot food outlets.

When considering an application for a hot food outlet in Belfast, relevant Planning Policy/Guidance includes the Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015, the Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001, Planning Policy Statement 1 General Principles, as well as a number of development Guidance Notes and Development Control Advice Note 4. The general thrust of this policy includes the potential impact on character and appearance of the area and potential impact on residential amenity.

Planning Service will normally seek advice from the local Environmental Health Office and Roads Service, if appropriate and are guided by decisions made by the Planning Appeals Commission.

With regards to the number of applications being received, Planning Service is required to process all applications that are submitted and cannot control the number received.



I trust you will find this information of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Bagnall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Suzanne Bagnall

Principal Planning Officer