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Health Scrutiny: Food Health update

September 2025

Bury Food Strategy & Food Partnership

- **Bury Food Partnership** launched the very first **Bury Food Strategy – Eat, Live, Love Food** in January 2021, following its endorsement by the Health & Wellbeing Board in November 2020. It has since been integrated as part of the wider Bury Council 2030 Let's Do It Strategy for the future of our borough.
- From the outset **Bury Food Partnership** has adopted whole systems thinking, and prides itself on being a positive space to connect, challenge and help shape the way Bury sources and provides good food for all.
- Through the Partnership, Bury became a **Sustainable Food Places (SFPs)** network member in 2021, using SFP themes to collate partner activity across the food system.
- Bury were awarded the Sustainable Food Places Bronze award in 2022 and have **now achieved the prestigious SFPs Silver award for Bury in 2024.**
- Bury school catering service has achieved now achieved the **GOLD food for life served here certificate in September 2025.**



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School Meal's Auto Enrolment, Markets

- **School Meal's Auto Enrolment** : As part of Bury Council's work to support families and schools in accessing all available funding, a free school meals auto-enrolment service has been implemented for families currently receiving Council Tax and/or Housing Benefit. The most recent information shows that **6281** children ordered school meals before Easter compared to **7439** after auto-enrolment, an extra **1158 meals**, thus an increase of **18.4%** .
- **Greater Manchester, Market Partnership**: Bury Market hosted the first Market Partnership in June, the GM attendees can see value in collective market mapping, social value measurements, marketing and promotion, data sharing plus temporary markets.
- The **EU Food Cities: Policy and Practices** initiative, coordinated by the City of Milan and supported by Eurocities, is part of the Food Trails project. It brings together **11 European cities** to co-develop sustainable urban food systems. Key highlights include: **31 pilot actions** across areas like public food services, urban agriculture plus food waste prevention and the Development of **8 innovative tools** to support policy-making & impact measurement.



Right To Grow (RTG)

Fundamentally, **Right to Grow** allows the public to grow food in public spaces. There are conditions of course, but the aim is for UK councils, like Bury, to encourage community food growing.

A RTG working group has organically developed over the past 18 months, co-designing the RTG pathway and lease agreement has taken inputs from Bury Council Legal, Ground Maintenance, Public Health, Incredible Edible, The Wildlife Trust, Parks and Countryside, Bury VCFA and local volunteers as codesigned and collective effort.

There are many positive effects associated with growing food locally, examples include:

- Increased access to seasonal, nutritious, climate and nature friendly foods
- Reduced inequalities around healthy food access
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing through activity in nature
- Engaged citizens connected to their local green spaces
- Formation of new connections and friendships



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Fast Food Take Aways & High Fat, Salt Sugar (HFSS)

- The built environment in which we live, and work influences the choices we make around food. Eat, Live, Love Food (2020) highlighted that the density of fast-food take aways in Bury was high, at **127.3 per 100,000 residents**. Fast forward to 2025 and that figure is now **165.7 per 100,000** and **Bury is 17th across all England's districts and UA's**.
- **Locally:** The fast-food take away matrix has been **co-designed** with performance teams from Bury LA and Primary Care along with Bury's school nurse network via National Childhood Measurements (NCMP) plus Bury planning policy officers and development management. **Inequalities are at the centre of the matrix design** as it ranks the population per 1000 on a range of markers / LSOA 1-120 (1 being the best and 120 worst) and via IMD.
- **Regionally :** Addressing **Commercial Determinants of Health (CDoH)** has been identified as a key priority for the Greater Manchester Public Health Leadership Group (GMPHLG) along with Housing and Health and Fairer Health for All. **Pan-GM Principles has been proposed** – providing a set of agreed standards to help ensure a level of consensus across local authority owned policies and implementation / HFSS food and drink using the **Nutrient Profiling Model (NPM)**.
- **Nationally:** **Plans to ban TV advertising** for products high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) **before 9pm will be delayed until January 2026**, following concerns from food and media brands and confusion over enforcement guidelines. The delay to the ban, which was to have come into effect from October, comes as ministers prepare to amend legislation to ensure brand-only advertising.

Fast Food Take Away Matrix

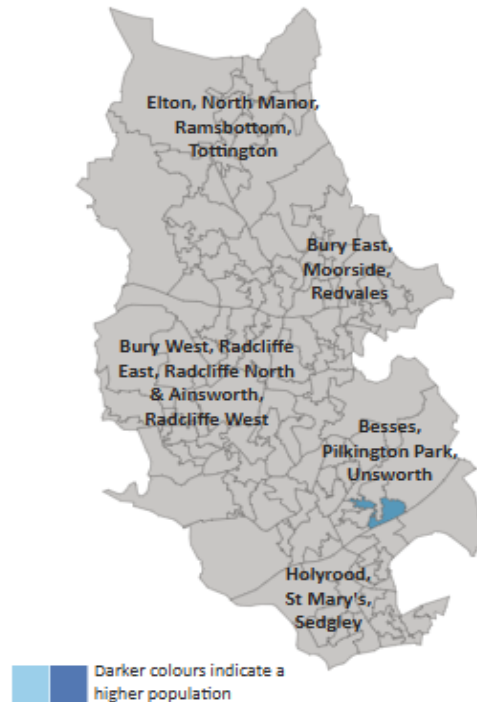
LSOA Code

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Postcode

All

Population



Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Decile	Value
Living Environment Decile	8
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Decile	3
Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (IDAOPI) Decile	3
Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) Decile	3
Income Decile	3
Health Deprivation and Disability Decile	3
Employment Decile	3
Education, Skills and Training Decile	3
Crime Decile	4
Barriers to Housing and Services Decile	5

- The Bury 021A LSOA sits within the Whitefield neighbourhood - Besses ward.
- The total population of this LSOA is 1874.
- There are 1 premise(s) classed as A5 Hot Food Take Aways.
- Of the children that took part in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for 2020-23, 20.7% of children in Reception in this LSOA were classed as overweight or very overweight, and 22.2% of children in Year 6 in this LSOA were classed as overweight or very overweight. Please note only state schools are included in the NCMP.
- The IMD Decile score for this location is 3 (1 being the most deprived and 10 being the least deprived decile).
- There are 0 school(s) in this LSOA.
- This LSOA is ranked 50 out of 120 LSOA's for obesity prevalence in those aged 18+, based on the rate per 1,000 population*. The LSOA ranked 1 has the highest rate of obesity prevalence.
- This LSOA is ranked 77 out of 120 LSOA's for Type 2 diabetes prevalence in those aged 17+, based on the rate per 1,000 population*. The LSOA ranked 1 has the highest rate of Type 2 diabetes prevalence.

*CAVEAT: The data sets these measures are calculated from are subject to opt-outs. Bury has an opt out rate of 5.48% and so actual figures are likely to be higher.

Food Podcast



Podcast Episode

From Food Challenges to Community Triumphs: A Conversation with Francesca Vale & David Catterall

Bury, Let's Talk Health

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2SnJpDwqO3wogoCiCCHZ6?si=KMdE4xcLRECjtjsCrphiDw>



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Thank You – Any Questions

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