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**Local food for everyone: a discussion**

**Respondent Information Form**

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Individual

Organisation

Full name or organisation’s name

Phone number

Address

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Yes

No

**Questionnaire**

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Consultation questions

**PART A – Local food**

1. Do you agree with the Scottish Government definition of local food as set out in the strategy?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. I don’t know

B. Please provide further detail on what local food means to you in the text box below.

1. Do you agree with the benefits associated with local food as set out in the strategy?
   1. Yes
   2. I agree with some but not all of the benefits
   3. No
   4. I don’t know

B. Please provide further detail on your response, including whether there are there any further benefits not captured. Please provide examples if possible.

1. Are you aware of any disadvantages of local food?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B. Please provide further detail about your response. Please provide examples if possible.

1. Do you have any comments on the first pillar of the Scottish Government’s local food strategy:connecting people with food?
2. Do you have any comments on the second pillar of the Scottish Government’s local food strategy: connecting Scottish producers with buyers?
3. Do you have any comments on the third pillar of the Scottish Governments local food strategy: harnessing public sector procurement?
4. Are there any areas related to local food where Scottish Government involvement could bring further benefits or reduce disadvantages?

The next set of questions are aimed at individuals. Please skip to question 14 if you are answering on behalf of a company or NGO

1. Please indicate how willing you are to pay more for local food?
   1. Very willing
   2. Willing
   3. Neutral
   4. Unwilling
   5. Very unwilling
   6. I don’t know
2. Please indicate how willing you are to go to more/different shops to access local food?
   1. Very willing
   2. Willing
   3. Neutral
   4. Unwilling
   5. Very unwilling
   6. I don’t know
3. Please indicate how likely you are to change your diet, for example to eat fewer exotic foods or to eat more seasonally, in order to eat more local foods?
   1. Extremely likely
   2. Likely
   3. Neutral
   4. Unlikely
   5. Very unlikely
   6. I don’t know
4. Are you aware of where you can access local food?
   1. Yes, and I buy it frequently
   2. Yes, and I buy it occasionally
   3. Yes, but I don’t buy it
   4. No, I am not aware of where I can access local food

B. Please provide further detail about your answer above.

1. A) Are you currently able to buy healthy, affordable food groceries within a  
   20 minute walk (approximately 800 metres) of your home?

**Note:** This question is focused on local access to healthy and affordable food. The next question is focused on local access to local food specifically.

* 1. Yes, I have a variety of options
  2. Yes, but there is limited choice
  3. Partially, I have to travel further to buy certain products
  4. It is not possible for me to buy healthy and affordable food within   
     20 minutes walking distance of my home
  5. I don’t know

B) Please provide further detail about your answer above, particularly focusing on any barriers to your ability to access healthy, affordable food.

1. Are you currently able to buy localfood within a 20 minute walk (approximately 800 metres) of your home?
   1. Yes, I have a variety of options
   2. Yes, but there is limited choice
   3. Partially, I can access some local food but have to travel further to

buy certain products

* 1. It is not possible for me to buy local food within 20 minutes of my

home

* 1. I don’t know

B) Please provide further detail about your answer above, particularly focusing on any barriers to your ability to access local food.

1. Do you have any further comments on improvements that could be made to allow for everyone living in Scotland to have better access to healthy, affordable and locally sourced food?
2. A) Do you think that Scotland’s schools, hospitals and other public institutions provide sufficient access to healthy, locally sourced food?
   1. Yes
   2. Mostly
   3. Somewhat
   4. Not at all
   5. I don’t know

B) Please provide further detail about your answer above, focusing on any changes you think could be made to improve access to healthy, locally sourced food within schools, hospitals or other public institutions

1. A) Are you aware of any examples of schools, hospitals or other public institutions that have been particularly effective in providing healthy, locally sourced food?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B) If you responded ‘Yes’ to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.

1. A) Has your attitude to local food changed at all due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and related restrictions?
   1. Yes
   2. Somewhat
   3. Not at all

B) Please provide more detail about your answer

1. A) Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in providing local food during the COVID-19 pandemic?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B) If you responded ‘Yes’ to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.

1. A) Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in developing a strong sense of local food culture and community?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B) If you responded ‘Yes’ to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.

1. A) Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in reducing the distance that food travels from being grown or produced to being eaten (the number of ‘food miles’ travelled)?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B) If you responded ‘Yes’ to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.

1. A) Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in the increasing availability of locally produced food?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B) If you responded ‘Yes’ to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.

**PART B – Vertical farming**

1. A) Have you considered using vertical farming technologies?
2. Yes, I have or work with a vertical farm, or I am currently

planning to

1. Yes, but I have not yet made a decision/do not have enough

information

1. Yes, but I decided not to go ahead because I faced barriers
2. No, it’s not suitable for me/my product/my industry
3. No, I don’t know what vertical farming is

B) Please explain your reasoning.

If you answered E, ‘I don’t know what vertical farming is’, you do not need to answer question 23 to 25 and can skip to question 26.

1. A) What effect would increased usage of vertical farming have on food imports to Scotland?
2. Significantly reduce
3. Slightly reduce
4. Have no effect
5. Slightly increase
6. Significantly increase
7. I don’t know

B) Please provide further detail about your answer.

1. A) Would vertical farming cause an increase, , decrease or have no effect on the following concerns compared with conventional production?

Increase Decrease No effect I don’t know

1. Emissions from transportation
2. Pesticide and fertiliser usage
3. Water usage
4. Electricity usage
5. Packaging
6. Land use
7. Labour requirements
8. Seasonality of produce
9. Freshness of produce
10. Cost of production

B) Please give examples.

1. A) What barriers do you see to the uptake of vertical farming in Scotland?   
   Tick all that apply.
2. Regulatory barriers
3. Capital expenditure costs
4. Economic return/cost per unit too high
5. Lack of supply chain integration
6. Lack of awareness of vertical farming techniques
7. Lack of knowledge or skill in vertical farming techniques
8. Lack of market
9. Other
10. None

B) Please give examples.

1. A) Are you aware of any other technologies, other than vertical farming, which would help Scotland produce more of its own food?
   1. Yes
   2. No

B) If you responded ‘Yes’ to the question above, please provide examples.