CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. How important do you think it is that we aim to be a Good Food Nation?

extremely if you want to reduce ill health and improve environmental issues

2. How would we know when we had got there? What would success look like?

People would be healthy and working confident members of the community with an understanding of where their food came from and how to prepare a healthy diet on any budget

3. Do you agree with the proposed vision? How would you improve it?

some of it but there is no mention of changing the Supermarkets part in this crisis. Make it illegal for supermarkets to put such a choke hold on supply

4. How would your life be better? What does being a Good Food Nation mean in your locality?

For me i eat well as i am aware, but i have seen many people die of diseases that were entirely preventable with good diet! We pander to corporations too much

5. Are there any other essential steps we need to take before setting out on this journey?

Sorry but again, stop operations controlling produce then you will see massive change in supply and end users health

6. How do you think a Food Commission could best help?
7. In what areas should indicators be set to check we are on track towards our goals?

first change in corporations control: communication with producers: education of end users. check health before and then after education objectives have been delivered

8. What are your views on the different approaches that could be taken to help us become a Good Food Nation?

these questions make me repeat answers which is ineffective, i am only still filling this out because i care any layman would have lost interest by now. Sort industry out so that farmers do not need to plow healthy good food into the field instead of delivering to local populous

9. Do you agree with the proposed initial focus on:
   • Food in the public sector
   • A children’s food policy
   • Local food
   • Good food choices and
   • Continued economic growth?

good starting points. dont forget industry regulation

10. Which other areas would you prioritise?

industry regulation

11. What other steps toward achieving a Good Food Nation would you recommend?

communication with all parts of food chain right from farmer/producer to end user

12. What else should be considered?
start with local populous from where they are not where you think they are, this takes Listening to them not men at the top having ‘ideas’ that dont even translate on the ground

13. What steps do you plan to take to help Scotland on the journey toward becoming a Good Food Nation – in the next month and in the next 12 months?

i am going to join nourish scotland and then start talking to farmers to find there issues with getting there produce to end user. then start chatting all the way down the food chain to end user… it will take 12 months i recon. )if you want to create a postion for me I am happy to share)

14. How did you hear about this Discussion Document?

nourish Scotland event

Responding to this Consultation Paper

We are inviting written responses to this consultation paper by 17th October 2014. Please send your response with the completed Respondent Information Form (see "Handling your Response" below) to:

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After reading your discussion document on Becoming a good food nation and also attending a Nourish Scotland event I felt I wanted to put forward my opinion.

On priorities:

Public Sector Food: To make more food available to public and to allow producers to make this happen you need to:
1. Stop Supermarkets from controlling the food supply. Why is a farmer putting to soil good quality food because the supermarket dose not want it but also will not allow the farmer to sell it through other avenues? Why is this aloud to still continue? Miss shaped food can go to Food Banks, local school and hospitals to make healthy meal.

2. How is a local producer able to get the products to market if having a stall cost them so much they can’t make any return on there time and costs? Why is there not an infrastructure of permanent local markets in Cities.. city dwellers would love this this would solve the local food issue as we all know supermarkets take veg drive it miles away to pack then drive it back and call it local but it has gained 1000'nds of miles in this process. If a local farmer was free from supermarket choke hold on their production and had a local permanent market place you will cut down food mile, production costs and delivered local food to your local market? How long are we going to be bent by big business? How many people need to become ill through diseases that should never be a problem in our local communities?

In short if you as the Government can make it illegal for big supermarkets to basically control the food supply you will be:
1. reducing waist of farmers having to throw stock away because the supermarket has told them they are not allow to sell it.
2. Farmers can bring produce to local markets and miss shaped food can go to poor communities you will have Local sustainable low mileage food going to the local populous thus reducing nutrition related illnesses, environmental factors and improved you target on local sustainable food supply

Now do You (the Government) have what it takes to face the choke hold Supermarkets have on the food supply and STOP it NOW?

I look forward to your response

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