

Minimum requirements for inclusion on the Greater Manchester Sustainable Food website.

Overarching criteria for all categories:

- Food democracy. FeedingManchester's sustainable food definition seeks to strengthen local communities and the local economies. Highly centralised supply chains, such as those employed by supermarkets are inherently undemocratic and unsustainable as laid out in the sustainable food definition, and therefore would be excluded from the database.
- Demonstrates an awareness of environmental impact of the operation and is actively seeking to improve it.

Minimum requirements for each category:

Primary producers

- Produced, processed and packaged within 30 miles of the Greater Manchester boundary.
- At least a proportion of the land to be sustainably managed (organic*, in conversion or CFF certified) and actively seeking to convert further land to sustainable production.
- Where any meat & dairy is not organic, lower animal welfare standards (such as 'Freedom Foods') are used.

Secondary producers

- Produced, processed and packaged within 30 miles of the Greater Manchester boundary.
- Actively purchase & promote local produce when in season & available
- At least a proportion of the product range is organic, aspiration to increase range.
- Have an awareness of meat & dairy quantities used and be looking at what steps can be taken to reduce this.
- Where any meat & dairy is not organic, lower animal welfare standards (such as 'Freedom Foods') are used.
- Excludes 'at risk' fish species from products.
- Where food is imported from the global south (e.g. cocoa & bananas) fair-trade-certified options are actively sought out and promoted.

Retailers

- Based within the Greater Manchester boundary.
- Actively purchase & promote local produce when in season & available
- At least a proportion of the produce sold is organic, aspiration to increase range.
- Have an awareness of meat & dairy quantities used and be looking at what steps can be taken to reduce this.
- Where any meat & dairy is not organic, lower animal welfare standards (such as 'Freedom Foods') are used.
- Doesn't sell fish or fish products from the 'at risk' list.

- Where food is imported from the global south (e.g. cocoa & bananas) fair-trade-certified options are actively sought out and promoted.

Catering

- Based within the Greater Manchester boundary.
- Actively purchase & promote local produce when in season & available
- At least a proportion of the produce sold is organic, aspiration to increase range.
- Have an awareness of meat & dairy quantities used and be looking at what steps can be taken to reduce this.
- Where any meat & dairy is not organic, lower animal welfare standards (such as 'Freedom Foods') are used.
- Doesn't sell fish or fish products from the 'at risk' list.
- Where food imported from the global south is used (e.g. cocoa & bananas) fair-trade-certified options are actively sought out and promoted.

Community projects

- Projects should seek to meet criteria layed-out above (relating to their activity). However FeedingManchester recognises that for projects whose focus is access to affordable food, the provision of organic might not always be possible.

Education and Training

- Based within Greater Manchester (or offers a training/educational package that is not available in Greater Manchester)
- Promotes 'sustainable food' and 'sustainable farming practices' (e.g. horticultural training promotes organic techniques).

Agricultural Suppliers

- Greater Manchester based*** suppliers of sustainable supplies.

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*** Due to the fact that seed is both incredibly important and extremely portable, we will list progressive suppliers of organic, heritage and specialist seed from around the country.