

Sustainable School Food Landscape for Cornwall

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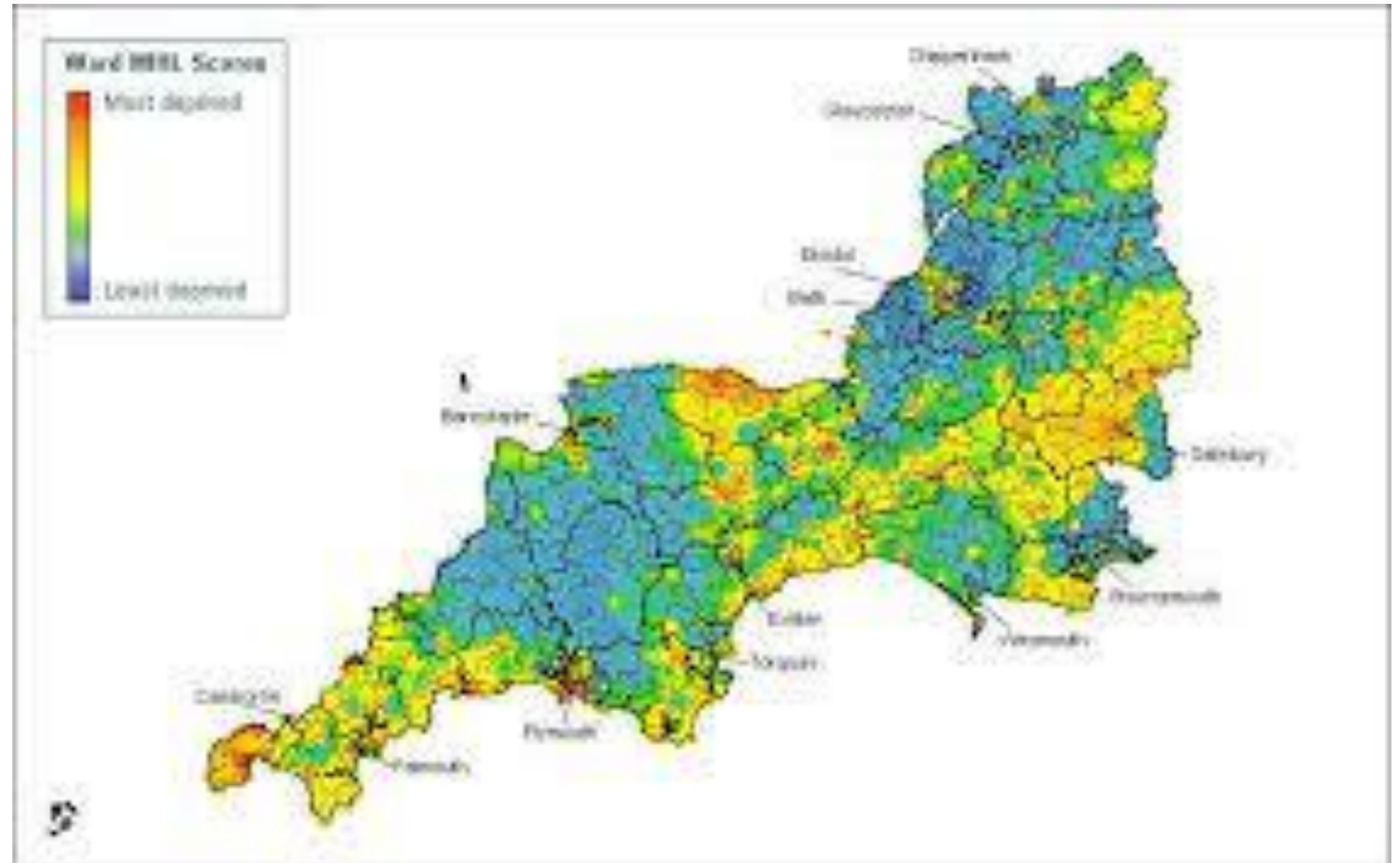
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The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, and Cornwall is no exception

- 75% of Cornwall is farmed. Without improvement to **agricultural management and/or changes in the buying habits of the average consumer**, we will see further losses of birds, mammals, butterflies and other insects, (State of Nature Cornwall, 2020)
- **Increased pesticide use** results in significant declines in pollinators and other insects
- **Other factors:** Mechanisation, soil exposure and erosion and intensive livestock production

Cornwall has some of the highest areas of deprivation in the UK

- **9.7 million adults** (18% of households) experienced **food insecurity** in the past month (September 2022)
- **4 million children** live in households that have experienced **food insecurity** in the past month (September 2022). (The Food Foundation, 2023)





We know that the use of agroecological practices has positive outcomes on food security and nutrition particularly for households with low or middle-income (Kerr et al, 2020).

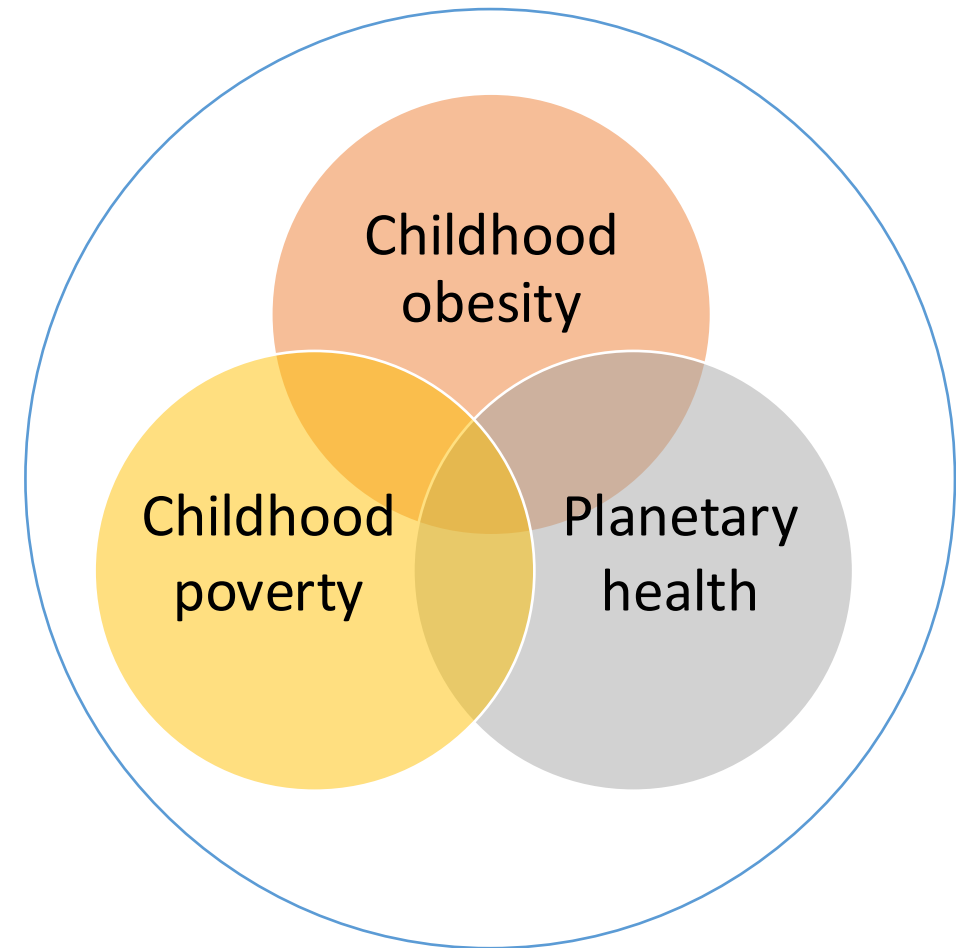


School meals are the **largest and most widespread social safety net in the world** and the UK is not exception with over **22.5% (1.9 million pupils) in June 2022**- up from 20.8% in 2021

School catering has the largest share of public procurement in the UK and can contribute to minimizing the impacts of climate change through environmentally sensitive food systems.

The UK government spends an estimated £8,435,000/day on FSM and UIFSM in England

Childhood obesity is the number one threat to children's health in Britain today.





Please help us and fill our survey NOW!



Welcome to [Sustainable School Food Landscape for Cornwall](#).

This University of Exeter, Cornwall Council and Sustainable Food Cornwall collaborative project will initiate a school food system transformation that can achieve healthier, climate friendly, and economically viable provision of food in schools across Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. This survey is targeted at school staff (heads, business managers, catering staff) and local food producers and retailers. This survey is the first step to garner different school food system actors' perspectives and highlight challenges and opportunities.

An estimate of over £112,000 meals are served in Cornwall's primary and secondary schools every day with a minimum estimated monetary value of over £263,200. In addition to schools highlighting existing challenges with lunchtime meals including uneaten food left on plates, very few ingredients are sourced from Cornish producers and growers and uncertainty over the nutritional value of meals. This will allow schools to see how these issues are interconnected and also as innovative platform and framework that will enable

