“As mobile ordering becomes the norm for more people, greater opportunities are created in terms of data collection and customisation. Restaurants and third-party services can create tailored deals and advertisements that can be sent directly to users’ smartphones at opportune moments.”

– Rebecca McGrath, Leisure Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- The transition towards mobile ordering
- Catering to a health-conscious public

While home delivery/takeaways enjoy high penetration, their usage remains rare. A perception of the food as unhealthy is a key barrier for usage, reflected in the strong image of home delivery/takeaway as a treat. Younger people and families are more likely than average to order a home delivery/takeaway, and to do so more often, echoing the key role of convenience in prompting usage.

That the UK is an increasingly convenience-driven and tech-savvy society is being reflected within the home delivery/takeaway market. While calling still remains the most popular way of ordering, nearly half of people now typically order online. Apps are used to submit orders by 21% of the tech-savvy 16-24 age group. As the functionality and ease of website/app ordering improves, even those hesitant to change their habits are likely to see the advantages in doing so. The transition towards online ordering is also being helped by the growth of online-based third-party ordering/delivery services, such as Just Eat and Deliveroo.

Third-party ordering/delivery services have also helped to expand the range of cuisines on offer. This is much needed given the high health awareness in the UK and views of home delivery/takeaway food as unhealthy. More healthy, and high-end, options entering the market should help to tackle this negative perception and perhaps transform the role that deliveries/takeaways play within most people’s diets from an infrequent treat to a regular convenient healthy alternative to cooking.
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The ageing population is a concern

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Healthy eating concerns limit use

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**Key Players – What You Need to Know**

Domino’s success driven by online ordering

PizzaExpress introduces delivery service

Fast food chains trial delivery

Third-party portals gain prominence

Just Eat grows sales by nearly 50%

New specialised delivery services enter market

Major delivery companies explore meal delivery

**Companies and Brands**

Pizza and pasta delivery

Domino’s success driven by digital

Papa John’s explores new local marketing strategy

Pizza Hut

PizzaExpress introduces delivery service

Online ordering and delivery platforms

Figure 10: Selected leading foodservice online ordering portals, April 2016

Online ordering

Just Eat grows UK revenues by 49%

Hungryhouse

Delivery providers

Deliveroo plans to cut prices as it expands

Take Eat Easy arrives in London

Major delivery companies explore meal delivery

UberEATS offers new delivery alternative

Amazon trials food delivery

All-round delivery services also deliver food
Launch Activity and Innovation

- Online-only and subscription services
- Specialised concepts focus on delivery to reach a niche audience
- Chilled delivered meals blur the boundaries with retail
- Subscription services extend the delivery model

- New high-end and healthy delivery services enter market
- Supper offers Michelin-starred cuisine
- New vegan meal delivery subscription launches in London
- Feast offers specialised night-time delivery
- More fast food chains trial delivery
- Domino’s advances mobile services
- Introduces new loyalty rewards programme
- Makes ordering even easier

Itsu launches innovative social app

The Consumer – What You Need to Know

- Four in five people order takeaway/home delivery
- Nearly half have now used a third-party service
- Calling is still the most popular ordering method
- Convenience is a big selling point
- People wish to follow their orders online
- 16-34s would like to search for venues by dish
- Perception of unhealthiness is a major barrier

Takeaway/Home Delivery Usage

- Most people have ordered home delivery or takeaway food
  - Figure 11: Takeaway/home delivery users, December 2015
- Nearly half of people have used a third-party platform
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- Younger people are more likely to order takeaways
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Ordering Habits

- Calling is still the most popular ordering method...
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- ...but younger people are ordering online
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Reasons for Using Takeaway/Home Delivery

- Convenience remains a big selling point
Tech solutions offer potential to improve convenience

Figure 17: Reasons for using takeaway/home delivery, December 2015

More women view home delivery as a treat

Offering and communicating healthy options should bolster frequency

Occasions prompt takeaway/home delivery orders

Figure 18: Reasons for using takeaway/home delivery, by gender, December 2015

Deliveries can be coupled further with sport and TV

Interest in Online Features

People wish to follow their orders online

Taking delivery tracking to the next level

Figure 19: Interest in online features when ordering a takeaway/home delivery, December 2015

Women would like greater insight into dishes

Figure 20: Interest in online features when ordering a takeaway/home delivery, by gender, December 2015

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Many still do not find online ordering as easy

Need to drive awareness of improvements

Figure 21: Attitudes towards home delivery/takeaway, December 2015

Doubts over third-party platforms

16-34s would like to search for venues by dish

Figure 22: Agreement with statement 'I would like to be able to search for venues by dish (eg lasagne) on a third-party ordering/delivery service website', by age, December 2015

Women and younger people most likely to see takeaways as unhealthy

Need to emphasise healthier options

Figure 23: Agreement with statement 'Takeaway/home delivery food is unhealthy', by gender, December 2015

Figure 24: Agreement with statement 'Takeaway/home delivery food is unhealthy', by age, December 2015

Reasons for Not Using Takeaway/Home Delivery

Concern about healthiness is the major barrier

Figure 25: Reasons for not using home delivery/takeaway, December 2015

Delivery charges put off key 16-24 age group

Figure 26: Delivery charge as a reason for not using home delivery or takeaways or using them more often, by age, December 2015

Quality concerns put people off

Appendix – Data Sources, Abbreviations and Supporting Information

Abbreviations

Consumer research methodology