To the Editor:

Reviewer C’s comments have been responded to in the following manner:

- The request to indicate if any agreement among stakeholders was gained via the use of the modified SSM approach:
  - Neither the Causal Mapping nor RDs were utilized to facilitate negotiation among stakeholders toward an agreed solution. This was stated in the section on causal mapping, but not made clear in the section on the application of the RDs. The author has clarified this issue by including the sentence “Hence, they were not used to facilitate negotiation among the various stakeholders towards an agreed solution” on page 8, in the middle of the first paragraph of the section “Developing Decision Support”.

- The request to provide an indication of how much perishable food is not allocated:
  - Since the demand for food from FBCT always exceeds what they are able to allocate, no food (perishable or non-perishable) is left unallocated. The author has addressed this request by including the sentence “Since the demand for food currently far exceeds what FBCT can supply, all their stock is allocated i.e. no perishable food is left unallocated on a daily basis” on page 12, at the end of the third paragraph.