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Dear Mr Wenham,

I'm writing on behalf of PETA – one of the largest animal-protection groups in the UK – with a proposal that could help you reopen some public toilets in the Godalming area. We understand the facilities in North Street, Farncombe, were shut down because the council is not – if you'll pardon the expression – *flush* with funds, and we're prepared to pay a fee in return for being allowed to place a banner on the side of the building. The sign would read, "Meat Stinks: Go Vegan", and a copy of the artwork is attached.

In addition to generating income, the pro-vegan sign could improve residents' health, since an overwhelming amount of research links the consumption of animal-derived foods to the explosive rise in obesity, heart disease, strokes, and certain types of cancer. A vegan diet, on the other hand, is free of artery-clogging saturated animal fats and cholesterol and, according to the American Dietetic Association, can reduce a person's risk of suffering from many serious health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. What's more, a recent large-scale study at the University of Oxford also found that not eating meat reduces our chance of developing heart disease by a whopping 32 per cent.

In addition to becoming healthier, Farncombe residents who see PETA's banner and go vegan will spare countless animals the horrors of the abattoir while doing their bit to help the environment. The United Nations has determined that raising animals for food is a leading cause of the world's most pressing environmental problems, including land degradation, water shortages, water pollution, and the loss of biodiversity.

This win-win solution would move you closer to reopening the toilets while providing residents and visitors with an important reminder that when it comes to our health, animals, and the environment, meat really does stink.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting opportunity. I can be contacted on +44 (0) 20 7837 6327 or at ElisaA@peta.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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