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Via e-mail: county.farms@powys.gov.uk

Dear Councillors:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) to advise you that Powys County Council has been named "Worst Council in the UK" for approving more than 150 factory farms in the past five years alone. That's why a lump of coal, as is traditionally given to those on the "naughty list", will be delivered to you in time for Christmas Day.

More than [8 million chickens](#) are currently suffering in Powys, yet you continue to rubber-stamp even more applications for cruel, intensive chicken farms. It's been made clear that no one wants to live next to – or *on* – these farms. In January, desperate Powys residents [crowdfunded their legal bills](#) and took you to court. But *still* you continue to give farms the green light.

In case it's escaped your notice, mega-farms are environmentally destructive, both locally and globally. Not only is animal agriculture one of the leading causes of climate change but local rivers are also turning into "pea soup" from all the manure, chemicals, and other muck associated with these facilities.

These mega-prisons are also a nightmare for animals. [PETA investigations](#) have exposed animals spending their entire miserable lives crammed into filthy, windowless, disease-ridden sheds. Now, [the UK is facing its worst-ever outbreak of bird flu](#), putting Powys at high risk of being a hotspot for the disease.

Industrial farming is a stain and a drain on the planet – one that sullies our reputation as a nation that cares about animals. We hope that next year, you'll act with compassion and consideration and stop dishing out planning permission for these cruel, filthy farms.

Yours sincerely,

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