



PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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Re: Planning application P/2022/0681

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Dear Ms Hill:

I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 1.3 million members and supporters in relation to planning application P/2022/0681, which seeks permission for a reindeer farm to be built on the land south of Llay Road, Wrexham LL12 9UG. We object to this proposal for the following reasons:

- Reindeer are sensitive animals who belong in the Arctic and subarctic regions of the world and enjoy roaming over vast open ranges. Confining them to a farm in the UK denies these curious animals the opportunity to engage in natural behaviour and causes them an extreme amount of suffering. According to research published by the journal of the British Veterinary Association, young reindeer kept in captivity in the UK have an increased death rate due to being fed an unsuitable diet, exposed to the diseases of other animals, and subjected to the stress of being removed from their natural environment.
- The reindeer will be a risk to public health. The stress that they experience because of their abnormal living conditions and forced interaction with the public may prompt them to bite, kick, or try to escape, potentially causing serious injuries. The reindeer may also spread zoonotic diseases, which scientists warn could cause another pandemic, by transmitting pathogens such as *Salmonella* and *E coli* to staff and visitors.
- The farm will increase traffic, air pollution, and noise pollution in the area during construction and once it is open. Operations on the farm, including the reindeers' waste and dust from the sheds, would disturb the local residents and be particularly harmful to the children's day nursery and the nursing home close by.
- Fuel and oil leaks from vehicles and ammonia from the reindeers' waste could contaminate land, surface water, and ground water, potentially having a detrimental effect on human health, wildlife, and the environment.
- The farm will disturb local wildlife, including many species protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Existing wildlife will face disturbance from construction, the constant stream of visitors to the site, and the use of the lake for paddle boarding and other water-related activities. Habitats will be destroyed, and the 24/7 operating nature of the farm will create abnormal light

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and noise pollution, in addition to the aforementioned air and water pollution, causing stress to and risking the health of wildlife in the area.

- The local community and animal rights groups will be disappointed to see this place open. People are waking up to the cruelty involved in keeping intelligent, sentient beings captive, as made evident by a poll conducted in Wales in which three quarters of respondents supported a ban on captive reindeer displays.

We hope you will take our objections into account, along with comments made by local residents, when coming to a decision on this application. We urge you to reject the proposal and prevent this farm from causing harm to animals, human health, and the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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