

PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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Dear Ms Yang:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals – PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally – regarding the development of former wool warehouse The Textile Building in Newark. To commemorate the gentle animals who suffered for the wool that transited through this site, we propose installing a memorial plaque.

Sheep used for wool are treated as nothing more than textile-producing machines, genetically manipulated to grow an unnatural amount of wool, and routinely abused. PETA entities have shared exposés of 117 wool-industry operations around the world – including those in England – which have revealed workers kicking, punching, and slitting the throats of conscious, struggling sheep. Farmers commonly sever lambs’ tails and castrate males without pain relief. And at the end of their lives, the animals are sent on a gruelling journey to the slaughterhouse.

From an environmental perspective, the need to move away from animal wool is urgent. Sheep produce large amounts of methane, a planet-warming greenhouse gas. This, along with the industry’s energy use, the land cleared to house sheep, the animals’ waste, and the use of chemicals to clean wool has led the Made-By Environmental Benchmark for Fibres to rank wool as a “Class E” material – the worst category possible.

A tribute to the sensitive, complex individuals whose fleece was stolen and stored at The Textile Building would inspire the public to transition away from animal wool – as the building has – and to instead use natural and humane alternatives such as organic cotton, hemp, Tencel, and bamboo.

Thank you for your compassion and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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