

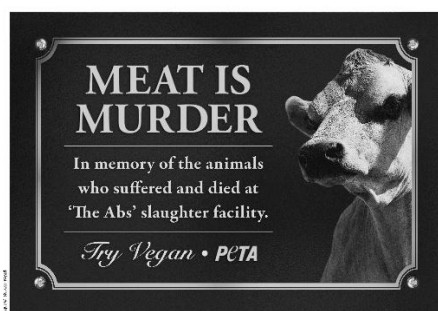


Manchester Council

12 December 2025

Dear Councillors:

Hello from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). As plans proceed to turn the former Manchester slaughter facility at "The Abs" into housing, we respectfully ask that a plaque be installed at the site to commemorate the hundreds of thousands of animals who suffered and died there. A mock-up of the plaque is included below, and PETA would be pleased to cover the costs associated with its erection. Placing the plaque would be a small but meaningful tribute that would encourage Mancunians to consider the lives lost - and inspire compassion for animals in the present.



Like the human residents of Manchester and the animal companions many share their homes with, animals killed for their flesh are unique, sensitive individuals who also value their lives. Cows form strong friendships and love to play, and sheep can remember the faces of their friends. Pigs "sing" to their piglets during nursing, and chickens have memories to rival elephants'.

Yet millions of cows, pigs, sheep and chickens are treated as mere objects in the meat and dairy industries. Pigs are trapped in cramped, ammonia-filled sheds. Sheep and chickens undergo painful mutilations without painkillers. Cows exploited for dairy are repeatedly forcibly impregnated, only to have their babies snatched from them so humans can drink their milk.

All animals on farms meet a violent, terrifying end at the slaughterhouse when they're just babies. Many are ineffectively stunned and endure protracted, painful deaths while still conscious. Once their dismembered bodies are packaged in supermarkets, it's easy to forget the individuals they once were.

A simple plaque at the former slaughterhouse site would serve as a powerful reminder that exploiting animals for food is cruel and unnecessary, while inspiring locals to make a kind change by leaving animals off their plates.

Thank you for considering our proposal to honour the gentle animals who were needlessly killed. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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