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Dear Mr Bland:

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) to suggest an addition to the series of sculptures that are being unveiled in Spalding next weekend: **a memorial plaque for the gentle animals who suffered at the "livestock" markets the sculptures are set to commemorate.** Animals aren't "stock"; they are thinking, feeling individuals with unique personalities – just like the residents of Spalding.



We understand the sculptures are intended to bolster community pride, but the trade of animals for their flesh is nothing to be proud of. Every year, over 1 billion animals in the UK are cloistered inside dark, dirty megafarms.

Sheep undergo painful mutilations, such as tail-docking or castration without painkillers, while cows raised for their flesh can be confined to hellish artificially lit sheds where ammonia from a build-up of urine and faeces stings their delicate nostrils. [Cows exploited for dairy](#) are repeatedly forcibly impregnated, only to have baby after baby taken from them – causing grief and anguish to both mother and calf – so humans can drink their milk.

Regardless of species, farmed animals are killed when they're mere babies. They're loaded onto crowded trucks and ushered into slaughterhouses where ineffective stunning techniques mean for many that their throats are slit while they're still fully conscious. None goes to their death willingly.

With the addition of a small plaque, Graeme Mitcheson's beautiful sculptures could memorialise the countless animals who were forced through Spalding's markets to feed our appetite for their flesh and remind the public that choosing vegan is choosing life.

PETA would be happy to provide the plaque free of charge.

Sincerely,



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