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Dear Mark,

Re: Small Abattoir Provision

Thank you for your letter of 17 January to Huw regarding small abattoir provision.

As you know, this is such an important issue for Kent and East Sussex, hence our joint letter to you. The closure of Tootingworth Abattoir has impacted over 900 local farmers and food producers.

We are therefore very pleased to learn from your letter that this is a high priority issue for Defra and that solutions, such as mobile abattoirs, have already been trialled and are successfully operating in another part of the country.

We would very much like to arrange a meeting with you to discuss how the Adding Value Theme of the Farming Investment Fund could support mobile abattoir solutions for Kent and East Sussex farmers and food producers. Four other local MPs would also like to be involved in the meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever,

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Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Member of Parliament
for Tunbridge Wells

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