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To: Derbyshire County Council

From: Michael Mansfield QC

Via e-mail: [planningcontrol@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningcontrol@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Re: **Objection to planning application, reference number CW9/0311/174**

Dear council members

I am writing to object to Midland Pig Producers' (MPP) planning application to build an intensive pig farm in Foston, Derbyshire.

Pigs are highly intelligent animals, but on factory farms like the one proposed, they are denied everything that is natural and important to them. Intensively confined in extremely crowded, filthy conditions that cause extreme discomfort and stress, many pigs are driven insane. Should the proposed pig prison go ahead, most of the animals will never see sunlight or breathe fresh air until the day they are loaded onto a lorry bound for the abattoir.

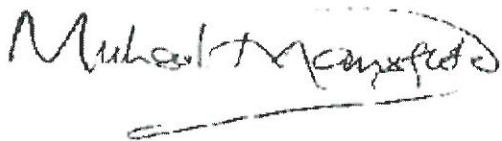
Approving an application such as this would also have a severely detrimental effect on the local environment. The factory would increase vehicle traffic in the area, adding to congestion. It would emit foul smells and create a potential threat to the water supply. Furthermore, the sounds of 1,000 pigs being hauled to slaughter each week are likely to be clearly audible to local residents.

I have made my career seeking justice for those who have been denied their rights. To allow the Foston pig farm to go forward would mean a life sentence of hellish confinement for tens of thousands of animals – a glaring and ugly injustice.

Please do not let the construction of this facility go forward.

Thank you for your consideration. I can be contacted via Sandra Smiley at [SandraS@peta.org.uk](mailto:SandraS@peta.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



Michael Mansfield QC