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Dear Kelly

Petition: Meat-Free Monday

As you know your petition has been referred to Councillor Teare, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability. This letter is to confirm that Councillor Teare will be undertaking some research into the matter and would welcome your assistance in ascertaining the views of local residents as to how a weekly meat free day could be organised and what support there will be for such an action.

The St Albans Environmental Forum is due to meet on Thursday 12th May 2011 to discuss a Food Strategy for the District and Councillor Teare would like to present to that meeting evidence and findings of research undertaken locally as to the support and action necessary to promote a weekly meat free day.

Please advise Councillor Teare whether you can supply a simple survey covering this topic which your local supporters could use to seek views of local residents at one of the St Albans Saturday markets and could be used to seek the views of schoolchildren through a survey distributed to local schools, and through a press article seek views of a wider audience in the area.

In July the Council plans to hold a Festival of Life environment market at which a stall could be made available for your local supporters to promote Animal Aid and any action that may be decided on as a result of the above activity.

Yours sincerely

**Jill Durham
Democratic Services Manager**

cc Councillor Teare, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability
Andrew Robertson, Head of Environment and Regulatory Services