

Thank you for your letter about the decision to grant planning permission for an extension to a facility at Grimston near Hull to breed animals for research.

In making the decision on this planning application, the Secretary of State was legally required to take account only of the relevant planning issues, and not other matters that are regulated under other laws such as animal welfare. Full details of the planning reasons behind the decision are available in the decision letter, which is published on the Department's website at <http://tinyurl.com/hnp2mr9> .

You should also be aware that DCLG has no policy remit for animal testing and any concerns relating to this should be addressed to the Home Office.