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Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs
Committee
Consultation on the impact of the Covid-19
pandemic
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Evidence from Individual

I am currently studying for a MSc in Sustainable Food and Natural Resources and writing my dissertation on the subject of "barriers, both perceived and actual to livestock and dairy farmers selling local and direct". As I live in Ceredigion I will be looking particularly at the area of West Wales. One of my major areas of concern is particularly related to the lack of local abattoirs and the effects of large meat processing plants. This has been highlighted particularly by the recent outbreaks of Covid 19 on Anglesey and in Wrexham at large processing plants. This has shown the fragility of a system lacking more local facilities. A recent report from the APGAW puts the case very clearly (https://apgaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/The-Future-for-Small-Abattoirs-in-the-UK.pdf?utm_source=SFT+Newsletter&utm_campaign=25b383fd68-Newsletter+214_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bf20bccf24-25b383fd68-105135809). I would appreciate more emphasis and attention being placed on this long standing problem as we need the resilience provided by local services and facilities for a secure food system and a secure future for our small and medium sized farms.