

Dear Sharon

Thank you for your email.

I appreciate your suggestions and ideas which if implemented, could potentially increase the revenue into the centre; as such, we will take these into consideration when appropriate. They do not however address the issue of the significant amount of capital that would be required to bring the centre to an acceptable standard. As I explained in some detail at the meeting with you and other volunteers, the cost of the day to day funding and income of the centre is not the driving force behind these proposals. The basis of the proposals is that if we are to spend millions on refurbishing the centre to bring it to an acceptable standard, would those funds be better spent elsewhere and in an area where we can have a greater impact on animal welfare by helping more animals in need?

As you know, the final decision has yet to be taken and I can assure you that we are continuing to explore alternatives that would allow us to meet our objective of having the greatest impact on animal welfare across the country.

Kind regards,

Kim