

# Jim McMahon OBE MP



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Dear Carolyn,

**Re: Oldham Council Resolution – End Puppy Farming**

Thank you for recently contacting me regarding the above motion which was debated at full council on 9th November.

I have been contacted by many constituents on the same issue over the last few months. As a nation of dog lovers, it is heartening to see so many people concerned about the welfare of puppies.

I believe that legislation on this topic needs to be clearer and that a better licensing system needs to be adopted to allow full traceability when buying a dog. I have written to Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) about this issue already, asking him about these points as well as others. I am more than happy to share my response from him with the council.

I fully support this motion.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McMahon".

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