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Oxford City Council

I was disappointed and shocked to learn that after more than 70 years without horse-drawn carriages in your city, plans have been set in motion to reintroduce them.

Horses are extremely sensitive to loud noises and unexpected sounds, and busy city streets have plenty of both. Horses and people have been seriously hurt – with some injuries resulting in fatalities – when horses have become spooked and run amok.

There have also been countless incidents in which carriages have been hit by impatient or careless drivers. Accidents have occurred in nearly every city in which carriage rides are allowed. London, Paris, Toronto and Beijing have all banned horse-drawn carriages.

Horses are not tourist attractions; please reject plans to reintroduce horse-drawn carriages to the city.

Yours sincerely,

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