

Applicant: XXXXXXXX

Premises: XXXXXXX, Strelley, Nottingham NG8 6PD

Acting as Specialist Veterinary Inspector on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council, I request that Suzanne Hickey, Chief Environmental Health Officer, represent me at the hearing in my absence due to her role as fellow inspector at the renewal inspection undertaken.

I have inspected this premises on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council for a period of four years.

I consider this hearing to be unnecessary due to the facts that:

- The premises and animals have been inspected by an experienced and professional specialist team of inspectors in compliance with the legislation.
- The findings of the inspection found no issues which compromised animal welfare or public safety.
- The licensee has a strong record of compliance, makes timely and full responses to modifications requested by officials and the Local Authority staff and the licensee have a very productive and effective working relationship.

Summary of Findings at Inspection on 14th July 2022 Full Report provided. In my professional opinion:

- I consider that the applicants and the named keepers have sufficient experience, have received sufficient training and have appropriate training and supervision processes in place to be 'fit and proper' to hold a license. Further advancements of the already compliant processes have since been implemented.
- The licensee employs a specialist zoo vet to provide care to the animals. A renewed programme of preventative care was requested to include the new species added to the licence. This has now been provided by the licensee.
- The facilities built by Mr Oliver meet the behavioural and environment needs of the animals including having environmental enrichment such as pools, climbing structures and vegetation. The enclosure design exceeds that of some zoo licensed premises
- The enclosure design and management processes to prevent escape are equivalent to those in place in licensed zoos. A minor maintenance issue that was quickly rectified was identified and new gates were being fitted at the time of inspection but were installed and evidence of this provided to inspectors.
- Escape procedures for the otters and tapir which were added at this inspection needed producing. These have now been provided to the satisfaction of inspectors.

Therefore in my opinion all of the conditions requested by inspectors have been complied with and the premises and operating procedures are compliant with the requirements of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act (1976)