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Abbattoir wins back supermarket contract

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By Timothy John »

A SUPERMARKET has reinstated a contract with a North Dorset abattoir after it was suspended in March amid allegations of animal cruelty.

Sainsbury's decision to resume supplies from the Associated Beef Processors plant at Manston has followed improvements at the abattoir, including the introduction of CCTV, said the supermarket's spokesman.

Planning chiefs at North Dorset District Council recently granted permission to expand the plant's refrigerated capacity.

Animal rights group Animal Aid secretly filmed inside the abattoir in January, recording images of cows apparently being beaten and repeatedly shot with stun bolts.

Andrew Tyler, the director of Animal Aid, told the Daily Echo that improvements made at the plant vindicated his group's investigation.

"It shows quite clearly the importance of our investigation that the company says its own standards have improved dramatically," he said.

"That underlines in absolutely clear terms that what we are doing, and what we will continue to do, is a vital task "We are pleased that CCTV has been introduced. It's absolutely vital that

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the footage is not just collected, but is regularly scrutinised by Sainsbury's and the regulatory authority," said Mr Tyler.

ABP spokesman Alistair MacDougal said the company had retrained staff as well as introducing CCTV, and added that the Food Standards Agency had decided not to prosecute after examining Animal Aid's footage.

A Sainsbury spokesman said: "We worked closely with ABP to ensure that all measures necessary were put in place to deliver the highest standards of animal welfare before we resumed supply.

"This even extends so far as to include CCTV within the abattoir to monitor staff and to help prevent any actual or perceived breach of the high animal welfare standards we demand from all our suppliers."

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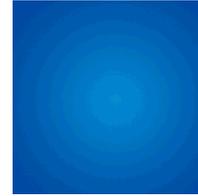
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Merger mania

WHEN they heard yesterday's news that three London boroughs are planning to merge services under one administrative structure, staff and councillors at East Dorset and Christchurch could have been forgiven for thinking: "Been there, done that, got the T-shirt."

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In-tents finale for The Inbetweeners and why we should stop watching Jeremy Kyle

AND so it was time to bid a sad farewell to our mates Will, Simon, Neil and Jay, not to mention Si's rubbish Fiat, as the final curtain, well, tent flap, fell on the last episode of the hugely lovable The Inbetweeners (Monday, E4, 10pm).



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