

PE2130/G: Make it illegal to remove all the hair from a horse's tail

Petitioner written submission, 28 January 2026

Despite the concerns of many equine societies and vets, the Government has no intention of doing anything to stop the practice.

The SSPC have indicated that they are against the practice and the Great Yorkshire Show, one of the biggest agricultural and equine shows in the UK has announced it will not accept any horse at its show where the tail has been shaved off.

The Government has yet to publish its equine guidelines even in draft form. The public and concerned groups have no idea what the Government may put in the guidelines and what protection it will give to horses, as it states that it has no intention to legislate against the practice. The issuing of draft guidelines for equine health and safety should be published to get the public's opinion and from that a judgment on legislating against the practice can be properly debated and made. The public is concerned that the government is not listening to genuine concerns, therefore ignoring the situation.

Should the committee decide to close the Petition, it will be open to me to submit another Petition in the next Parliament once the Government publishes its draft guidelines.