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Our ref HIDCC/00213/25

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 03 February 2025 with regards to Petition P-06-1332 'Fund vaccine research to protect red squirrels from deadly Squirrelpox virus.'

My officials have been working on preparing a call-off specification for an independent Squirrelpox vaccine feasibility study. The study will assess the prospect of research, manufacture, marketing authorisation, and deployment of the vaccine, as well as associated risks, benefits, and costs.

My officials will be shortly approaching potential suppliers to seek expression of interest in this work.

Once again, thank you for writing to me on this important topic. I hope this information is helpful to you or goes some way in answering your query.

Yours sincerely,

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