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Dear Councillor Goodman

Sale of the "Fume Man" on Northallerton Market

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 1 November 1998 concerning the news report about the ban on the sale of the "Fume Man" at Northallerton market.

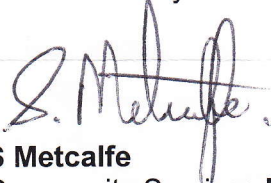
Unfortunately your letter was addressed to the Trading Standards Department at North Yorkshire County Council and has been passed to this Council for our attention as the operators of the Hambleton Markets.

The trader in question was requested not to display the item after complaints and other comments had been received from members of the public who found the toy offensive.

When the trader made representations to the Council, the situation was reviewed and it was decided to allow him to continue to sell the item on the grounds that while it was felt to be in very poor taste, it was not obscene.

I hope I have been able to answer your query to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely



S Metcalfe
Community Services Manager