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Statement regarding B&K Universal's false claim that they had taken part in a 'scientific' debate at Hull University last week

We, the undersigned, flag up as false B&K Universal's claims made on 19th October on ITV Calendar news, that they do "take part in scientific debates, including one last week at Hull University where a motion that all animal testing should be banned was defeated". To the best of our knowledge, B&K Universal have never taken part in any scientific debate involving *qualified*, but opposing, **scientists**.

B&K Universal are aware that our local campaign - against their planning application to breed Beagles for vivisection - is supporting Parliamentary EDM 263's call for properly moderated, public scientific debates, with a **scientific** debate motion framed around "whether or not animal experiments benefit human medicine, based on scientific evidence".

The debate that took place last week at Hull University was an ethical one, the debate speakers were an animal rights philosopher [Wayne Williams BA](#) for the proposition, and Roy Sutcliffe, the general manager from B&K Universal for the opposition – **neither of these individuals is qualified in science**. Moreover, the debate motion was an ethical one: "That this house would ban all forms of animal research". Two scientifically *unqualified* students also took part.

We additionally highlight that this event at Hull University was part of a series of events last week organised by pro-vivisection Public Relations group Understanding Animal Research, and criticised in a joint statement issued by the [RSPCA and CASJ](#)

We take this opportunity to re-iterate our Hull local's invitation, broadcast on ITV Calendar news 19th October 2013, and hereby invite **scientists** who represent B&K Universal to agree to participate in **properly moderated**, public **scientific** debates with the scientists who illustrate Parliamentary EDM 263 – the leading experts who illustrate our local campaign's medical evidence at the science-based campaign [For Life On Earth](#)

Sincerely,

Locals in Hull, Campaigning Against B&K Universal

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