



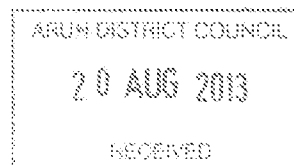
Eastergate Lane, Eastergate, Chichester,
West Sussex, PO20 3SJ



Planning and Building General Inquiries
Arun District Council
Littlehampton

19.08.13

Your Ref: EG/42/13/CLP/Mrs D Johnson



Dear Mrs Johnson

Development Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed construction of single storey, mono pitch, brick and tile building with lean-to aluminium greenhouse to serve plant breeding and tissue culture propagation and other activities to serve plant propagation and trialling.

Location: Swallowfield, Eastergate Lane, Eastergate, PO20 3SJ

Further to your letter of August 6th, I am pleased to confirm that by e-mail the following drawings were sent to the Arun Planning Department on 18.08.13 and an acknowledgement of receipt has been received by email.

- Swallowfield Nursery Location Plan No 50-01
- Swallowfield R & D Unit Proposals Block Plan No 50-02
- Swallowfield R & D Unit Floor Plan & Elevations Drawing No 50-3

Statement to support need for this R & D Unit.

Swallowfield Nursery produces glasshouse grown container shrubs and climbing plants of selected lines, all marketed to nationwide customer garden centres and chain retailers, through a large, locally based, wholesale plant supplier, Farplants (Sales) Ltd, Yapton Road, Walberton

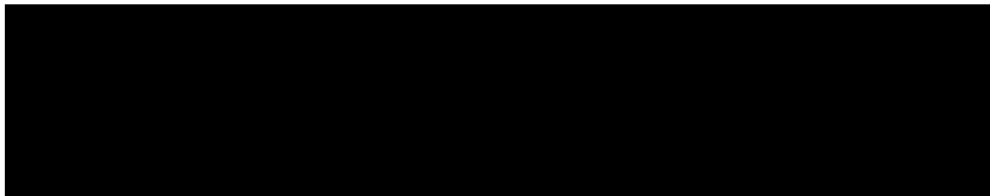
Over recent years, retailer customer demand has increasingly focussed on our sourcing new and improved varieties of plants, to meet the needs of promotional sales. To keep up with this commercial trend, Swallowfield needs to be proactive in developing new and improved strains of its selected plant lines for retention of sales volume. Already, some plant breeding and selection of new varieties of Hebe and Fuchsia has been undertaken within the existing nursery facility. This is not ideal and a separate unit would substantially improve plant breeding and selection operations.

Swallowfield needs to be progressive to maintain its commercial success and now one of our major objectives is to carry out propagation in-house of our needed young plant stock rather than buying in from outside sources. A separate R & D Unit will facilitate research into propagation techniques, such as tissue culture currently not practical within our existing production area.

The proposed location for the unit is not easily seen from Eastergate Lane or from close-by properties and being fronted by a lean-to glasshouse, any visibility from the lane will be not be significantly changed.

Should you require any further details for the support of this application, please contact me further. I enclose a cheque for £40, the amount identified as applicable at the time of making the online application.

Yours sincerely,



Heather Godsmark
Joint Swallowfield Owner with David Godsmark.

