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Your Ref:

Internet ref: PP-06598381

Please ask for:

Technical Support Unit on extn. 37711

18th December 2017

Dear Mr Michael Tristram

Development:

1. To convert 2 outdoor growing beds into covered growing space with 2 polytunnels. The new polytunnels will measure 29.2m x 64m x 3.6m and 26.8m x 64m x 3.6m, a total area of 2465 m², which is the same approximate size of the outdoor growing area they will be replacing. This area is already used as outdoor growing space. The 2 polytunnels will be sited next to 2 already existing polytunnels, of almost exactly the same dimensions, erected in 2009 under permission number WA/54/08. One of these tunnels will be situated along the business' northern boundary, which borders an industrial estate. The structure on that industrial estate which would be adjacent to our new polytunnel is taller than the new polytunnel, and separated by hedgerows of at least 4m tall. Upgrading this outdoor growing area will result in more effective use of space and water.

2. To replace 2 old polytunnels with 1 new polytunnel. The new polytunnel will measure 31.7m x 25.6m x 3.6m, a total area of 811 m², replacing the existing polytunnels which have a footprint of 800m², with a 4 m wide gap in between. The 2 old polytunnels were already in place in the mid 1970s when the land was purchased by Walberton Nursery for nursery operations, having been used for the same purpose by the previous owner. The new polytunnel will be no taller than the current polytunnels, and from an aerial footprint point of view takes up no further space, if anything is slightly smaller. This upgrade will enable a more efficient use of the growing space and more efficient use of water resources.

Both proposed areas are on the same piece of land. Rainwater will be piped to either the water capture lagoon to the West or to the internal pond with restricted outflow to the East, both of which are on the same property. This means no change to the way that surface rainwater is currently managed on both the already established growing areas. Pedestrian access to the 3 tunnels will be the same as current. Neither structure will be within line of site of the public and there are no neighbouring residential properties that have line of sight.

Location:

Walberton Nursery Yapton Lane WALBERTON

Thank you for your application submitted via the internet on 12th December 2017. It is being dealt with by the Technical Support Unit and has been allocated the reference number

WA/92/17/PL.

We will contact you shortly with further details.

This letter does not confirm validity of the application/documentation submitted.

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Yours sincerely



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