



Planning Officers Dispute Polytunnels

The owners of a new market garden in Cardigan say a planning decision on their application to put up polytunnels could turn out to be a test case for Welsh policies on food production. Adam York and Lesley Bryson, of Glebelands on the St Dogmaels Road, want to put up three polytunnels on the site, but Ceredigion's planning officers say the scheme should be refused.

Local objectors say the tunnels will affect their visual amenity and there are concerns about drainage, traffic issues and the visual impact on the Special Landscape Area of the Teifi valley. But many letters of support for the application back the development of a local organic food producer and point out that the tunnels can be screened with planting.

Zouch are advocates of self-sufficiency & consider polytunnels a positive take on UK cultivation. We offer an outstanding anti-hot spot tape for many leading polytunnel growers and wholeheartedly support this type of food production.

Demand for UK-cultivated flowers is outstripping supply

British-grown flowers account for ten per cent of the market, down from more than half 20 years ago. Each year in total £620million of cut flowers are imported into Britain.

But now a co-operative in Yorkshire is building a national network of flower growers to perk up the wilting industry. As consumers become increasingly concerned about the impact of their buying decisions on the environment, demand for home-grown flowers is now outstripping supply. Meanwhile, Britain's hard-pressed fruit and vegetable growers are hoping for a lifeline when the Government's new planning framework is published later this month.

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| Plant | Sow | Harvest |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Aubergine | Nov-Feb | April Onwards |
| Beans (French) | Feb-May | May-Oct |
| Broccoli | Apr-June | Jul-May |
| Cauliflower | Jan-June | All year |
| Carrot | Jan-Aug | Jun-Mar |
| Celery | Feb-May | Jul-Nov |
| Cucumber | Dec-Apr | Mar-Jun |
| Parsley | Feb-July & Sept | Jun Onwds & Apr Onwds |
| Peppers | Dec-Apr | Apr-Oct |
| Raddish | Mar-Aug | Feb-Dec |
| Rhubard | Feb-May | 2nd year |
| Rocket | Feb-Sept | 3-4 weeks Varies |
| Spinach | Mar-Jul | Apr-Oct |
| Strawberry | Oct-Nov & Feb-Jan | May Onwards |
| Tomato | Nov-Mar | Aug-Oct |

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