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Dear Sir/Madam,

please find attached a letter asking that the poly tunnel system at Pennoxstone court, Kings Cagle be saved and that the farm can continue to grow crops in Herefordshire. I am appealing against the hostile action taken by no farming folk against Nr Cockburn and his small local farming community .

Regards,

Scott McMenamin
Director - Scott and Sons

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Enforcement order over Poly Tunnel use for growing fruit

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate Bristol to allow Mr N J Cockburn, to continue to farm within Herefordshire. Herefordshire is, one of the biggest if not the biggest Shire in the United Kingdom for arable farming. Mr Cockburn at Pennoxstone Court Farm grows one of the largest amounts of soft fruits enjoyed by people throughout the UK, and the County. The main crops are Strawberries and Raspberries. Due to inclement weather in the UK, the poly tunnel system was introduced. This allows the farming community to continue to grow fruit over a longer period for the consumers.

The poly tunnel system is widely used in Herefordshire, and as a natural born and bred Herefordian myself, I do not feel they spoil the natural beauty of Herefordshire. They add to it in fact giving a look of magnificent lakes from a distance. This system allows Mr Cockburn to grow fruit, thus creating employment for many throughout the County and beyond. If the farm were to be stopped from growing soft fruit under the poly tunnels, this would inevitably add to the unemployment in the Hereford area. As our countryside is excellent for growing what we eat, the poly tunnels are a temporary measure to ensure a good crop of excellent healthy fruit here in our unreliable climate.

It must also be noted that the poly tunnels are actually only a temporary construction for the growing season, not permanent like a factory or live stock units, these in actual fact would spoil the AONB. That to one side the poly tunnel system sustains the countryside(AONB) in that the wild life is not affected by this temporary measure. The tunnels are a small price to pay for providing local employment and fruits for the consumer.

Understandably this is not everyone's choice, but as this is a farm and has had to endure extreme hardship over the years. This enforcement notice to stop a Mr Cockburn, from farming will I hope be overturned and he will be allowed to continue to farm and grow fruit and provide many jobs within the local area of Herefordshire.

December 18, 2013

Your obedient servant,

Scott McMenamin
Director
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AONB – Area of natural beauty