



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr Roland Close
Herefordshire Council Planning Department

10th April 2015

Dear Mr Close

Re: Planning Application 150765 –

Trumpet Fields adjacent A438, Trumpet, Ledbury, HR8 2RA -

Erection of polytunnels on fields at Trumpet for covered commercial growing of soft fruit and new pond area

Pixley and District Parish Council would like to make the following comments on the above application as councillors have some reservations on the drainage and access on this site.

- i. The impact of run-off water on flooding is a concern, particularly onto the 438 and down to the inadequate drains at Trumpet Crossroads.
- ii. Clarification on the access to be used is required, as the access onto the A438 is on a bend with limited visibility splays, particularly for slower moving tractors and trailers. The parish council would like to suggest that the current access is closed off and replaced with a new access onto the A438 at the North East corner point of field 1, this would be a safer access having much better visibility splays and would also enable the space at the existing access to be used for an extra retention pond for run-off water to alleviate the concern i. above.
- iii. The polytunnels would have a visual impact from both the A438 and the A4172 and the Herefordshire Trail and Marcle Ridge. Pixley parish is already one fifth "covered in plastic".
- iv. The parish council would like to request that the polytunnels are skinned for six months of the year and that some planting for screening is carried out by the landowner to reduce the visual impact.
- v. The new pond area is scheduled for phase two we would like this to be brought forward as neighbouring properties have concerns over flooding affecting their properties and land.

Please confirm safe receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

JL Chester

Janet Chester
Clerk to Pixley and District Parish Council