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The following comment has been made on planning application: SE100966/F - Application (part retrospective) to erect, take down and re-erect polytunnels, rotated around fields as required by the crops under cultivation (soft fruit).

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Comment Having been tenants of the Cockburns for 6 years between April 2002 - July 2008, we feel we are in a position to fully support their application for planning as detailed. We feel very strongly that farming of all types in Britain is being pushed to its limits; any support that can be afforded to help the industry and promote the production of home-grown produce should be encouraged. All farming has its less attractive side: silos and grain dryers, milking sheds and storage, plastic ground sheets for asparagus, polytunnels for various crops, spraying for cereals. People living in suburban or urban environments accept that industrial developments are a fact of life; rural dwellers should be no different. In these days of dwindling energy resources, every effort should be made to economise on fuel consumption, especially that required for the unnecessary import of produce from abroad that can be grown in this country. In Herefordshire we should feel very lucky that we can benefit from fruit grown on the doorstep at minimum cost to the environment, rather than paying for transport from the South East of England. Finally, we are extremely unhappy about the length of time that this matter is taking to resolve in view of the administrative expenses that will be being incurred. Time after time there has been a hold-up in the proceedings; this re-application is an unnecessary drain on tax payers' resources and one that we thoroughly object to. We totally support the Cockburns in their efforts to make a living in the production of soft fruit and would very much like to see this whole affair resolved in their favour as soon as possible. Yours, Jane & Geoff Pepperell