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The following is a comment on application **P221524/F** by 'David Harman'

**Nature of feedback:** objecting\_to\_the\_application

**Comment:**

Please see attached objection.

**Attachment:**

Objection\_D\_Harman\_July\_22.docx

**Their contact details are as follows:**

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**Infrastructure from Section 106 to consider:**

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[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning\\_services/planning\\_application\\_search/details?id=221524](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=221524)

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26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Ms R Jenman  
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Dear Ms Jenman,

**Re: Planning Application P221524/F Erection of up to 13.5 hectares of fixed (i.e. non-rotating) 'Spanish' Polytunnels over soft fruit grown on 'table tops', excavations and ground profiling to form new winter storage reservoir and the erection of an agricultural storage building and 6 no. water storage tanks.**

I would like to object to the above application on the below grounds:

- **Visual amenity** - the site lies within open countryside, the proposal will have landscape implications with a concentration of polytunnels where the locality currently comprises a rural landscape. The site would therefore significantly change the landscape character. The site can be viewed from numerous public rights of way including roads and public footpaths therefore changing the landscape for the local community as well as visitors to the Herefordshire countryside. The site is also located close to and in view of a SSSI as well as a number of listed buildings most notably Grade II\* listed The Vault Farmhouse, its two Grade II listed barns and Grade II listed 19<sup>th</sup> century Hop Kilns. As stated by Historic England the omission of the northern-most fields ('Turners 1' and 'Turners 2') from the scheme would largely avoid or minimise the harm to these properties.
- **Environmental Concerns** – the proposal will have an adverse affect on the natural habitat of many species. As highlighted by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust the ecological assessment states on page 18 that Great Crested Newts are present on the site and the proposed development would adversely affect their and many other wildlife's habitat. Herefordshire attracts many visitors to enjoy the renowned countryside and resulting wildlife. Such a development will not be appealing to such visitors and as such will reduce tourism and therefore revenue in the area. This clearly goes against the Herefordshire County Plan which is promote tourism in the locality.

These are only a few of the many points raised by the local community and I therefore ask that the application is refused or as a minimum is referred to committee as request by Councillor Guthrie.

Yours sincerely

D Harman

