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Dear Mr Lewis

I implore the County Council to come to its senses and please halt and reverse the ongoing destruction of Huntington parish near Kington by vast polytunnel installations.

Until the shocking polytunnel invasion, Huntington was among the most perfectly sited settlements in Britain, in the heart of the most beautiful farming country in Europe, accessed only by single-track lanes and nestling beneath the world famous beauty spot Hergest Ridge. It was completely unspoiled - a *very rare* state of affairs - and had a star on the UK tranquillity map.

Then Haygrove moved in, [REDACTED] and were able to do so because the district is unprotected, of low population and there were not enough people to object. Haygrove continues to target Huntington for that very reason - [REDACTED] they can get away with it in a place that is off the beaten track. Would they stand a chance in the Cotswolds? Of course not.

It beggars belief that Haygrove are pushing yet again to extend their [REDACTED] activities, to trash yet further the landscape, its wildlife and soil, its narrow lanes and hedgerows, and the lives of the people who live there.

What has Huntington received? Nothing. And less than nothing. It has received the disintegration of its single-track roadways and hedgerows, its views and amenities. It has been turned into a place of wreckage and litter, ugliness and social conflict. Very often the single-track lanes have been pummelled to rubble and mud, are very dangerous, and prone to flooding as never before. Once a place of incomparable beauty, Huntington is now a

hub of great distress and in parts resembles a woeful exploitation site in the third-world. As one local put it to me succinctly 'Haygrove have destroyed the parish.'

Why? To grow some identikit produce full of chemicals and probably full of microplastic dust too. To the profit of maybe half a dozen individuals, if that . . .

I believe other people, among them Tony Perrin and Carly Tinkler, have covered the many technical points against the polytunnel sites, and the failure of the perpetrators to respect the conditions. I endorse what they say, but would like to make a larger point to you which is this: the original permits for polytunnels in Huntington were *a planning catastrophe and a moral crime against the topography*. That colossal error of judgement, blindness, callousness, or worse, has to be put right.

So - it is vital to refuse further expansion - and more, to refuse to renew the licenses that have time limits on them. The objective should be clearly stated: the eventual elimination of this destructive practice from all of Huntington so that the place is given a chance to recover from what, in a happier future, would certainly be seen as its darkest hour. Huntington and the wider surroundings urgently need to be protected with an AONB designation. Maybe one day there might even be a Marches national park.

Furthermore I sincerely hope that Hereford County Council will in other ways commit itself to the war against plastic which is so urgent everywhere in matters of environmental health, a war that is now gaining global traction.

Please find below a link to my YouTube video of August 2014, expressing horror at the initial desecrations at Huntington.

With best wishes, yours, Duncan Fallowell, FRSL

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Horror at Huntington

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