

Appeal against the Refusal of Planning Permission by Wrexham Borough Council for a Glasshouse with Packing Facility and Offices, Energy Centre, Recovery Plant and Reservoirs, on Land West of Sesswick Way LL13 0TF

I wish to support the above appeal on the grounds that the proposal:

- 1) is fundamentally compliant with the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan
- 2) complies with the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) 2015 legislation
- 3) complies with the growth vision for the economy to 2035 adopted by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board
- 4) is free of compelling planning objections
- 5) has had insufficient and inadequate emphasis attached to the economic consequences and importance of it by the Local Planning Authority

In determining this appeal, I would like to see comparison made with the Netherlands which is the World's second largest exporter of food by value after the United States. It has no natural advantage for large scale agriculture over the United Kingdom but it does have a land-use administration system which encourages efficient and sustainable production. Unfortunately, the UK has a planning system which has not kept up with developments, particularly in respect of scale associated with agricultural systems. As a result, we import tomatoes worth more than £400m each year, primarily from the Netherlands, which we could and should be producing here.

The subject proposal will benefit from the proximity of the wastewater treatment to the west: it is exactly the kind of agricultural development which the United Kingdom needs and which we should be encouraging. None of the reasons for the refusal of planning permission should be allowed to over-ride the presumption in favour of development for agricultural purposes in the open countryside.

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