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Application for a Polytunnel & Tool shed

APPEAL REF: APP/L3245/A/10/2129856/NWF

Dear Inspector,

I am writing on behalf of the Bangor Forest Garden, in support of Mr and Mrs Wheelhouse in their appeal.

Mr and Mrs, Janta and Merav Wheelhouse, in only 4 to 5 years have given through their hard work, and they have created and are creating, still, what can only become, and be described as a marvel, an economic marvel to themselves and to the community of Picklescott. Being Agroforestry workers and pioneers, their land has risen from agricultural fields to a food and agro forestry resource, and is continuing to do so. They deserve to be supported from all people and organisations in the UK, and they are working very hard on what is a resource that will go on and on, growing to give benefit to themselves and the local community. Having also introduced colour and vibrancy into their work, they are enhancing agriculture, and encouraging a wider agricultural interest. They have struggled, and worked hard and are still working hard, despite all their local set backs, as well as being a family, and having all the work of that as well.

Please help them and support them in this work, by granting

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They need this facility, to be positioned in the best possible location for their efficient agricultural work.

Yours faithfully,

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Director and Treasurer,

On behalf of The Bangor Forest Garden Cyf.



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'A woodland or a forest garden is a garden modelled on a natural woodland. Like natural woodland it has three layers of vegetation; trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. It is usually a very diverse garden, containing a wide variety of edible plants.' (Patrick Whitefield, 1988)

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A sustainable alternative for the Future

Notes on the Application:

The Polytunnel is an essential part of this small-scale agricultural enterprise.

It is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture

- Lengthening the growing season.
- Enabling cultivation of a wider variety of produce.
- Making vegetable & plants production economically viable.
 - Supporting local food security
 - Germination and raising vegetable plants in modules.
 - Protected crops (tomatoes, aubergines, peppers, chillies, cucumbers, melons, courgettes, squashes, salad leaves)
 - Propagation of soft fruit bushes & perennial herbs: Aloe Vera, Jostaberry, black, white & red currant bushes are propagated from cuttings, propagation of perennial herbs by different methods.
 - Propagation of trees: from seeds, cuttings and by grafting & budding
 - Curing of vegetables before winter storage.

The Wooden Toolshed (the heart of the project), will incorporate the present secure (metal) toolshed inside it so that it is completely unseen, this addresses the LPA's concern about the appearance of the present metal toolshed.

The wooden shed will be constructed of recycled telegraph poles, clad with vernacular Larch waney edge & green steel roof. Climbing plants/vines will also be trained to grow up the walls for ultra perfect camouflage with the surrounding trees and shrubs.

This is similar, (only better screened) to **the approved** storage shed within the constructed barn at the bottom corner of the larger field on site. The AONB chairman's written comments on the barn follow. "your wooden barn demonstrates good practice for a small agricultural building, being sympathetic to the landscape and using sustainable methods of construction"

All Rain water will be harvested from the tool shed's roof and used directly in the adjacent horticultural area and in the proposed polytunnel, this will increase the sustainability of the site considerably.

The proposed development is intended as a storage facility for the numerous hand tools & materials required to work & maintain the horticultural area and this 18 acre holding, as well as serving as a workshop for grafting fruit trees, potting plants & site maintenance. This wooden shed would also house other tools that are now stored around the present tool shed, 5 years ago this tiny secure tool shed was suitable for the first phase of the project but we now need something a little larger, as the project has developed and we have more tools. It remains very small in comparison with what we see in the surrounding area. Karuna is officially a class A agricultural unit.