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Application for a Polytunnel & Tool shed

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

Dear Inspector.

I write on behalf of Lammas, an organisation dedicated to researching and promoting low-impact development.

There are now twelve new-build households in Pembrokeshire that benefit from the local low-impact development policy (policy 52, Pembrokeshire JUDP). One week from today (20.07.10) the Welsh Assembly Government will launch its national low-impact policy (One Planet Development, TAN6).

Low Impact Development has a key role to play in society's transition from oil-based economy to low-carbon society. In particular agriculture needs to depart from its traditional remit as an industrial, centralised, oil based, monocrop production line to embrace localised, human-scale, biodiverse permaculture. This necessary shift is described in detail in the Centre for Alternative Technology's research paper 'Zero Carbon Britain 2030 (June 2010)'.

From a planning perspective it is important to assess a proposal using the correct tools. I would respectfully encourage the inspector to read the comments from our own appeal (ref: APP/N6845/A/09/2096728) which revolved around this very issue.

Permaculture offers a way of farming which is biodiverse, low on fossil fuel demand, and high in food productivity. Examples of permaculture in England are woefully rare. If Britain is going to have any real prospect of both reducing its carbon footprint and producing sufficient food (both in quantity and variety), it is absolutely imperative that projects like Karuna are supported and recognised for

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their role. There is sufficient research to suggest that such projects have a key role to play in the future of farming. There is ample evidence to suggest that such projects have a key role to play in educating for a sustainable future.

Please support this appeal.

Yours Faithfully

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