

### GLOSSARY

#### **Polytunnels**

French Originally the French polytunnel was created as a temporary growing environment for primarily soft fruit. Usually bespoke and single bay.

Spanish Similar to the French but multiple bay, the 'Y' frame anchors supporting two frames at once. The Spanish polytunnels also allows ventilation by means of adjusting the plastic outer covering.

Originally open ended, these are now capable of being enclosed at the ends.

These are the polytunnels most commonly used.

Garden Single (usually short) bayed units of smaller dimensions and designed for the garden/smallholding.

#### **AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)**

Formerly such areas were created under the provisions of S87 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 which stated:-

[The Countryside Agency] [or as the case may be the Council] may by order made as respects any area in England or Wales, not being a National Park, which appears to them to be of such outstanding natural beauty that it is desirable that the provisions of this act relating to such areas should apply thereto ...”.

This designation and any future designations are preserved by S87 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. This preserves the same wording but also inserts the phrase “the Agency may, for the purpose of conserving and enhancing the national beauty of the area, by order designate the area for the purposes of this part ...”. No similar wording existed in the 1949 Act.

The Wye Valley AONB was designated on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1971.

#### **DEFRA**

The Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs was created in June 2001 to “bring together all aspects of the Environment, Rural matters, farming and food production”.

#### **Landscape character assessment**

A non-statutory term:-

“A tool for identifying the features that give a locality its “sense of place” and what makes it different from its neighbouring areas”. An ongoing rolling programme of mapping contributing to the “character of England” map.

It comprises two stages, characterisation and then judgements in relation to land management decisions. See Countryside Agency website with published guidance, also the Countryside Character Network website.

Herefordshire characterisation was begun prior to 1998. It was completed approximately 2 years ago and the supplementary planning guidance produced to support the characterisation is currently programmed with the deposit draft Unitary Development Plan to reflect uniformity of wording.

Paragraph 2.15 of the PPG7 specifically refers to these assessments.

### **Landscape impact assessments**

Are a standard tool to assess the impact of any land use change in the countryside. The involvement of the Council's Landscape section is usual during the formulation process of an L I A. Any improvements or requirements are similarly inspected for compliance.

### **Unitary Development Plan**

Guiding document to 2011 currently in preparation dealing with land use in the County.