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Submission: Support

Comments: I would like to give my full support to this application to allow a successful local rural business to thrive as it transitions from one generation of family ownership to the next. I worked for Jackson's Nurseries for 20 years from 1986 to 2006 before using the skills I learned at Jackson's to set up my own gardening business locally. Over the years, I have seen 100s of people trained in horticulture at Jackson's Nurseries first hand, who have progressed within the business, set up their own horticultural enterprises locally or gone on to become managers at local authorities. The business has delivered enormous value as a rural enterprise and it's essential it's allowed to continue to do so into the future.

I have seen Luke embrace the opportunity to learn about horticulture since he was young: growing plants for cuttings, developing the web sales part of the business, managing the financials and understanding and abiding by increasingly complex legislation that affects the business. As a plants grower myself, I can certainly vouch for the importance of close proximity to the nursery site, particularly for the caring and nurture of young plants where the failure of a watering system, blow-out of a polytunnel or extreme weather such as frost or hail can kill plants very quickly if not addressed immediately.

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