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Environment awareness and conservation statement.

At Zenith Nurseries the management team is fully aware of the importance of looking after the environment in which its crops are grown and have procedures in place to ensure there is no violation of this and where appropriate steps are taken to help with the overall conservation of all areas. The guidelines below are followed as closely as possible and reviewed annually.

## Woodland areas

Minimal disturbance to trees, shrubs and floor vegetation.

Fallen trees or branches to be left in situ to widen range of biodiversity.

New trees planting where land is available.

## Hedges

Trimming delayed to late winter to provide fruits and seeds for small mammals and birds to mid-September – mid February. .

# Field boundaries and ditches

A minimum buffer zone of 1 metre left undisturbed along the edges of fences, hedges and ditches.

No pesticides or fertilisers to be applied.

Ditches to be cleaned on a rotational basis.

LERAP compliance.

Hedge gaps to be filled in with recommended trees.

# Conservation advice

Biodiversity report by FWAG.

Implement suggestions made by Environmental Agency, local authority advisers and local members of conservation group.

Tunnels built, landscaped with hedges.

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