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# A constructive narrative is the key to winning political capital





A collage of images showing the interior of a modern greenhouse. The background consists of several panels, each featuring a different view of the greenhouse environment: rows of plants, irrigation systems, and structural elements. Overlaid on these images are ten teal and black rectangular boxes, each containing a key theme of the strategy.

ACCESS TO  
AFFORDABLE  
ENERGY  
SUPPLIES

ACCESS TO  
CROP  
PROTECTION

FAIRNESS IN  
THE SUPPLY  
CHAIN

ENABLING  
IMPORT  
CONTROLS  
FOR PLANTS  
AND PLANT  
PRODUCTS

AN ENABLING  
PLANNING  
POLICY

PRODUCTIVITY  
INVESTMENT

ACCESS TO  
PERMANENT  
AND  
SEASONAL  
LABOUR

ACCESS TO  
WATER

ACCESS TO  
SUSTAINABLE  
GROWING  
MEDIA

ACCESS TO  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
FUNDING  
SCHEMES

NFU Horticulture Strategy

# We must have a smooth & efficient trade passage for movements of young plants & seeds within a high hygiene environment



NFU President Tom Bradshaw meets Baroness Hayman (Minister for Biosecurity, Borders and Plant Health) to raise protected salad grower concerns

# SEDEX/SMETA: Enforcing aspirational standards does not promote integrity and is not an ethical way of working



## Summary

- 9 August 2024: [BRC responds](#) to NFU push for clarity from retailers
- 2 August 2024: NFU issues update on [key timings](#)
- 1 August 2024: NFU receives [clarification](#) on issue of 'credible living wage'
- 19 July 2024: [BRC \(British Retail Consortium\) publishes statement](#) on behalf of retailers setting out its expected approach to the new SMETA scheme CAR requirements.
- 30 April 2024: [NFU raises concerns](#) with SEDEX
- 28 March 2024: [NFU first calls for a halt to changes](#) to SMETA standard until growers can be consulted



# Government must recognise the intrinsic link our workforce availability has with our crop production capability

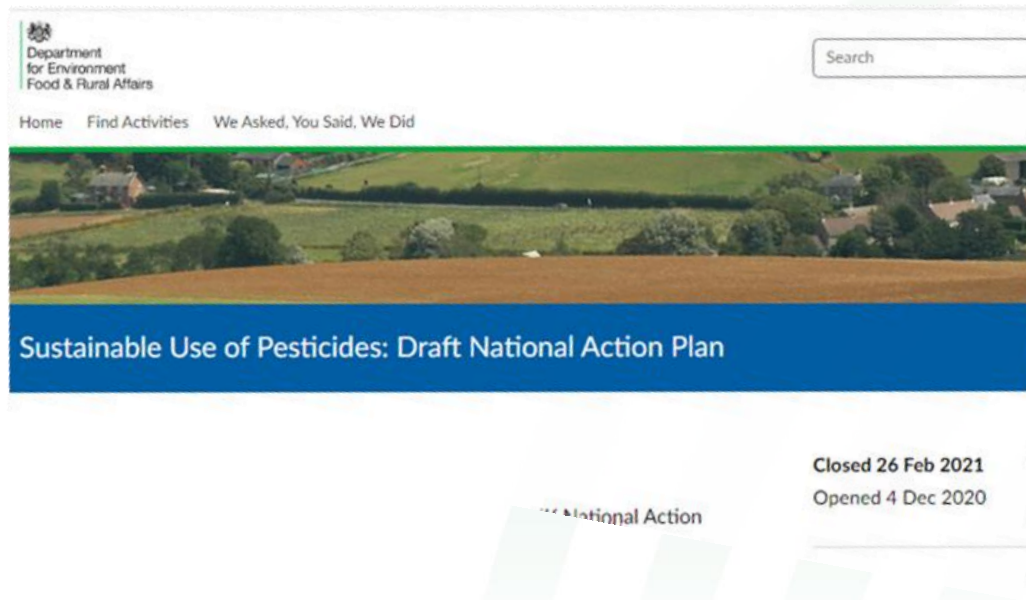


# Biodiversity Net Gain and existing planning barriers risks limiting investments, that otherwise would bolster our UK food security





# We need a simple risk-based regulatory system with an effective and affordable provision for horticultural minor uses and speciality crops



The screenshot shows a web page from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. At the top left is the department's logo and name. To the right is a search bar. Below the header are navigation links: Home, Find Activities, and We Asked, You Said, We Did. The main content area features a landscape photograph of a rural area with green fields and brown soil. Below the photo is a blue banner with the text "Sustainable Use of Pesticides: Draft National Action Plan". At the bottom right of the page, it states "Closed 26 Feb 2021" and "Opened 4 Dec 2020".



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