



John Stanton  
By email

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Dear John,

### **Invitation to Public Oral Evidence Session**

The Horticultural Sector Committee was commissioned by the House of Lords to “consider the development of the horticultural sector”. It has become apparent that doing so is impossible without taking formal oral evidence from the six supermarkets who hold an 81.1% share of the grocery market in the UK.<sup>1</sup>

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting of the Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30-12.30, at which public oral evidence will be taken. If you cannot attend personally, I expect you to make someone available in your place. Invitations have been issued to your colleagues at Morrisons, Tesco, Lidl, Asda, and Sainsbury’s.

This letter will be published on the Committee’s website, and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Redesdale

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<sup>1</sup> Defra, [Food statistics in your pockets](#), April 2023