



The Lord Redesdale
Chair
Horticultural Sector Committee
House of Lords
SW1A 0PW

22nd May 2023

Dear Lord Redesdale,

Re: Invitation to Public Oral Evidence Session

I am writing on behalf of Lord Rose to send his apologies that he is unable to attend the Lords Horticulture Select Committee's evidence session on 20th July.

We have looked at Chris Brown, our Senior Director for Sustainable Supply Chains' availability. I am afraid Chris has a prior commitment that day which he is not able to change. Therefore, Asda will not be able to send a representative on this occasion.

As you will be aware, Chris has recently provided evidence to the Horticulture Committee on Asda's behalf, in response to the call for evidence, which I understand will be captured in its forthcoming report.

We understand that following the No.10 Food Summit, DEFRA will be carrying out a thorough investigation into the horticulture sector this Autumn, which we will provide further input to.

Yours Sincerely,

Kelly O'Sullivan
Head of Corporate Affairs, England & Wales