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Statement on behalf of R L & J P Long regarding the land at A G Wrights Badlingham farm

R L & J P Long have been successfully growing Onions at Badlingham farm at Chippenham for the past 7 years and will look to continue to grow there for the foreseeable future. The Land topography and soil type at Badlingham and the Chippenham area make it an ideal location for growing not only Onions but for all root crops. The Onions we've grown and harvested from this particular area are of consistent high quality every year and as such make it into our long-term cold storage as a result.

The infrastructure that has been invested in water for the farm only benefit this land further making it ideal vegetable growing soils. The main reason for this is the fact the soils are so well drained, onions in particular do not like sitting in cold wet soils. You only have to look around the world where they are grown in abundance in California and Spain to see Onions thrive on lighter flat soils with high water availability. These specific conditions enable farmers to ensure a quality product year on year, something that would not be possible on other colder heavier sights away from this region.

The future of UK food production, self-sufficiency and sustainability are key to this region, and I feel passionately about preserving these key soils for the intended purpose of food production.

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