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Neil

So far as I am aware, there is no central policy on neonicotinoid use other than, of course, general rules on pesticide use.

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Hi

re: Pesticides and bee decline

I was passed this email by the DEFRA helpdesk

I was wondering if there was a policy on the use of neonicotinoid insecticides on the government estate (gardens etc). In particular I was wondering if you allow the use of insecticides containing imidaclopird, chlothianidin or thiamethoxam – which have recently been linked by the European Food Safety Authority to bee decline.

Many thanks

Neil

Neil Verlander

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