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Dear Susie

The Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) is a modern, leading-edge trade association representing the UK garden industry. HTA provides a vital forum for identifying and dealing with key garden industry issues and opportunities, represents industry views to Government and is its voice in the media.

The HTA and our members have been consulted on the development of the following qualification, and have provided feedback on the suitability for a young learner aged 16 to 19:

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture (540)

We feel that the above qualification would provide young people with necessary skills and knowledge required to potentially work in a job as a Landscape Operative.

The skills that are important for this type of role, and are within the qualification, include:

- Safe working practices in Horticulture
- Being able to identify, select and plant a range of plants
- Safe use and operation of machinery
- Plant health and protection
- Maintaining turf
- Knowledge of plant and soil science
- Constructing horizontal landscape surfaces
- Constructing and maintaining timber landscape features
- Constructing and restoring walls
- Constructing and maintaining decorative landscape features

The Horticultural Trades Association confirms that we consent to this letter being available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

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