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Dear Danielle

Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Horticulture

The Chartered Institute of Horticulture is the professional body representing professional horticulturists in Great Britain (Scotland, England and Wales) and Ireland. It promotes the profession of horticulture and the professionalism of those working in the industry. It acts as an authoritative body; consulting with governments and other policy making bodies on matters of interest or concern to professional horticulturists. The Institute confers recognised status upon professionally qualified and experienced horticulturists.

A key activity of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture is to promote educational and training opportunities and encourage the development of all disciplines at all levels within horticulture. To that end the CIH recognises the following qualification:

- BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Horticulture (603/1908/2)

The qualification will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example as trainee landscape operative, trainee ground maintenance operative, trainee grounds person, trainee grounds keeper, trainee gardener, plant area assistant and horticultural worker.

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of foundation knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the business and the individual, ensuring employees are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the sector expects.

The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further training.

The qualification will also support the individuals aged 16 and over in Wales, should they chose to progress into further training, via a level 3 qualification or an apprenticeship, and is a good preparation for either progression route.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this valuable qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Owen P.E. Doyle".

Assoc. Professor Owen P.E. Doyle
President Chartered Institute of Horticulture