

Speed up roll-out of GM crops, says British prime minister

Downing Street said it was working behind the scenes to encourage European Commission officials to make it easier for farmers to grow GM crops.

The news came after Owen Paterson, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs secretary, said in an interview with *The Daily Telegraph* that GM food should be grown and sold widely in Britain.

Mr Paterson also described consumer opposition to the technology as a “complete nonsense” and said the artificially developed food had “real environmental benefits”. People were even eating it in London restaurants without knowing it, he said.

Downing Street backed Mr Paterson’s comments, insisting that the Prime Minister was pushing officials at the European Commission to make the regulatory system governing GM crops “more efficient and more effective”.

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