

Citing 'unintended' environmental impacts, Scottish politician urges UK to ditch EU's neonicotinoid ban post Brexit

EUROPE'S ban on neonicotinoid pesticides should not be transferred into the UK's post-Brexit legislation, according to Scottish Conservative MP Colin Clark.

Speaking following a session of Westminster's delegated legislation committee, the north-east politician insisted that there had been 'unintended consequences' from the EU's crackdown on neonicotinoid seed treatments – which was introduced in an attempt to protect bees and butterflies – and the UK should now grasp the opportunity to 'set its own policy.'

Mr Clark claimed that beekeepers themselves had raised concern that the restriction on neonics had 'back-fired', with pests flourishing and damaging crops, requiring other chemicals to be used in greater quantities.

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"Pesticide control must be based on facts not a perceived risk," said the Gordon MP. "We should embrace the opportunity to set our own policies or we risk being left unable to grow valuable crops."

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