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## E.R.D.E. 'BANGS' UPSET COMPANY AT WALTHAM

### *Possible threat to nursery industry, council told*

**L** OUD bangs from the E.R.D.E. Government works are causing damage to glasshouse structures at Waltham Abbey and could threaten the nursery industry in the area if they are not stopped.

And Waltham Abbey Council have been asked to step in to try to bring a halt to these explosions by the company of Messrs. R. P. Greenall at Avey Lane, Waltham Abbey.

At a council public health committee meeting members were reluctant to "take sides" in the issue, part from writing to the Government establishment to see if anything could be done to lessen the bangs.

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In a letter to the council the nursery company stated: "We are most concerned at the powerful and frequent nature of the explosions being carried out at the E.R.D.E. establishment.

"These explosions are having a noticeable effect on our glasshouse structures. If continued on the present scale this would have a serious effect on our nursery in particular, and I am sure on the nursery industry in general."

The company have written to the establishment asking them to suspend any further tests until a further investigation has been carried out. They also appealed to the council to support them in their action.

Mr. P. Riley, the council's public health inspector, told the council that they could not take any action against the establishment for causing a public nuisance.

Cr. Michael Davies said that it was about 15 years since the

establishment started using the testing bay near Avey Lane. He said the noise had certainly not increased over that span of time.

Cr. C. A. Bond said that as a jeweller, and working with delicate watches, it was sometimes unnerving when there was a loud bang. He would like to see the council give some backing to this letter.

Cty. Cr. Mrs. E. M. Tuck added: "Why shouldn't we complain if the people in the town are being upset?"

The committee agreed that a letter should be sent to Messrs. Greenall's stating they were sympathetic, and also to the establishment to see if anything could be done about the explosions.