

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This details information that I have received from a contact within the allotment society on the possibility of using land on the grazing fields at Newlands Road. At this point no quotes for works have been attained.

2.0 INFORMATION

I met with a member of the allotment society to discuss possibilities of changing the use of land from grazing to allotments on Newlands Road. Map attached. Basic drawings had been presented to the member with potential plans/layout which is attached.

An area close to the entrance has a potential gradient steeper than 1 in 40 which is not recommended for allotment use due to soil subsidence. This could be rectified with edging and infill from any grounds work needed to install paths. The rest of the site is at a suitable gradient.

An area at the bottom of the field gets too wet in the winter and there is a footpath that runs through it. I would suggest that this area is separated by fence and kept wild. The useable area then would be roughly 17,000m²

It is suggested that we should install 1 water tap per 5 plots. We already have a water source at the field to tap into.

The vehicular track would need to be 3 meters wide (deliveries or dropping off tools/equipment) whereas pedestrian tracks would only need to be 600cm wide. This can be kept as grass. Hardcore/chippings could be used in wetter areas.

It is a great idea to include accessibility plots. These would be located towards the entrance and would need to have a 1.2 meter track around the plot and be of a hard standing material.

Full sized plots are measured at 250m² but it is suggested that we could have a small number of starter plots at 60m² with progression onto ½ sized plots. I was informed that half size plots are more maintainable so more favourable but a small quantity of full size plots could be installed for choice.

Plots would need to be placed 8 meters away from the tree line boundary due to falling leaves and branches.

It would be beneficial to the site to have a community shed along with a number of areas to receive larger deliveries of soil/manure.

The site would need to be deer fenced.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That committee decide whether to proceed with soil sampling and costings for the new allotment site.

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