

STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR ALLOTMENTS

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(Standard Specification for Allotments)

1. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL STANDARD SPECIFICATION

The Allotment Scheme shall include but not be limited to provision of:

S106 Requests:

- A plan showing the layout of the proposed new Allotments.
- The timing of the provision of the new Allotments, up to and including the transfer of the new Allotment land.

General Characteristics:

- Screen planting to provide some privacy.
- Clear separation between adjacent allotments.
- Signage at site entrances giving details of ownership and how to apply for an allotment, also emergency telephone numbers.
- Chain link perimeter fencing 1.8 meters high incorporating rabbit protection at the base.
- Lockable access gate to same height as the fencing with keys for all allotment holders.

Accessibility:

- Linked to pedestrian and cycle path systems.
- Adequate tarmac surface parking close to entrance to the site, (but not necessarily on-site).
- Adequate hogging paths, suitable for people with disabilities.

Planting and Biodiversity:

- Good mix of species in planting around and within the site.
- Dense, bushy hedgerows, (where present).
- Spraying of the plots to kill weeds once or twice as necessary.
- Rotovation of the plots, 3 weeks after the first pruning and 3 weeks after the 2nd spraying and a further spraying and rotovation if weeds re-emerge within 4 weeks as a result of digging manure.
- Laying of improved top soil on the plots to be mixed with rotovated ground.
- Leave fallow over the winter (if applicable).

Facilities and features:

- Water supply to two troughs (example) with water supply via a ball valve system.
- Provision of a concrete area for the storage of manure.

Management and Maintenance:

- Keep litter under control.
- Limited evidence of vandalism or graffiti, and rapid and effective removal.
- All paths kept clear of debris; surfaces in good condition and repaired as necessary.
- All facilities in clean, safe and usable condition.

Minimum Size Requirements:

- Laying out of the plots to include a mix of 5 and 10 rod (125 and 250 sq yards respectively) plots. There is no need for any minimum number of plots on an allotments site.