Community Food Growing / Allotment Project 2025
Paddington Recreation Ground – Allotments CONSULTATION

YOU SAID WE DID SUMMARY

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YOU SAID

Why have you chosen Allotments/Community food growing?

WE DID

There are a number of local care home residents that lead a sedentary life. Many miss gardening as a way of improving mental & physical health. This space would provide a space for that. It also gives us the chance to have school children learn about the sustainability & biodiversity as well as where food comes from.

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YOU SAID

Relocate storage container, shed and other bulky items away

from residents' properties

WE DID

Following useful feedback from drop-in sessions and after listening to comments, we will move the sheds so that they are located further away from residents' gardens. The height of the hub shelter will be like the current mini-bandstand which is located close to the cafe

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YOU SAID

Have you considered Security?

WE DID

The area has CCTV and is patrolled by security & grounds maintenance team. This will remain for if the project goes ahead. The individual plots will be allocated to schools, care homes or community groups only. The area will be locked to the general public at all other times.

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YOU SAID

What about increased Pests like foxes?

WE DID

We do not envisage any increase in pests. Foxes tend to thrive in unkept areas, with access to overflowing bins or animal food waste. As the site will continue to be managed and monitored, we do not believe this area will attract any increase in foxes.

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Are you adding Lighting, will there be any light pollution?

WE DID

There will be no lights or floodlights added as part of this project?

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YOU SAID

What are the Opening times going to be? Are people going to be coming and going at all hours?

WE DID

As access will be for specific groups, sessions, the opening times are not envisioned to be beyond daylight hours. As the days grow shorter the opening times will reduce, during the longer days the facility will remain open until a maximum of 8pm which is similar to the current opening times.

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YOU SAID

Who will have Access?

WE DID

Access is envisaged to be limited to specific schools, care home groups and pre-booked community groups only.

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YOU SAID

What about Noise and Music?

Will there be added Noise and music?

WE DID

No amplified sound will be allowed in this area.

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Why are you removing the Bowls facility? Where will I go to play Lawn Bowls?

WE DID

Bowls usage has constantly been low, despite many efforts over the years to revive the sport. This may also be because Paddington Sports Club – which offers Lawn Bowls - is a 7min walk away. They are extremely keen to invite new bowls players to this alternative community facility

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YOU SAID

Why was usage of the Bowls facility so low?

WE DID

Over the years several campaigns have tried to grow usage of bowls. We worked with various community groups and organisations to promote and grow the sport. Unfortunately, usage remained very low (less than 10 users per year).

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YOU SAID

Won't it cost lots in maintenance?

WE DID

Costs to maintain the bowls green is over £26,000 per year. Costs for the allotments will be minimal, as user groups will be mainly responsible for the upkeep of their individual plots.

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YOU SAID

Will you ensure it's accessible and Incorporate wood for the raised beds and benches

WE DID

The plots will be made of raised beds in wooden planters placed on top of the old bowls green. The planters will be made of sustainable materials (likely wooden sleepers). The Bredon gravel paths will allow for the facility to be fully accessible.