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Allotment Survey Questions

Purpose of the survey? To gather information about current satisfaction with facilities and services provided and use feedback to develop allotment strategy which will be consulted on before adoption.

Are you an allotment holder?

Yes (go to section B already have an allotment / current tenants)

No (go to section A people who don't have an allotment / Considering taking on an allotment)

Section A for people who don't have an allotment:

Are you on the waiting list for an allotment? Yes No

If yes how long have you been waiting less than a year, 1-2 years, 3-5 years, longer than 5 years

How did you learn about sites website, family member /friend has one / community group/ other please state

Which site (s) are you interested in please state

Why do you want an allotment? what do you think benefits will be? Tick all that apply

To grow own food, to grow other produce, for exercise / health, to meet other people, a place for peace and quiet, to enjoy being outdoors, other please state

How long are you prepared to wait? less than a year, 1-2 years, 3-5 years, longer than 5 years

Would you consider sharing a plot with other tenants? Yes No

Section B To everyone:

Do you think the current rental costs in Sefton are reasonable? Yes No

Would you pay more for:

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a regular skip on site?	Yes	No
More staff support/supervision	Yes	No
communal storage on site?	Yes	No
water supply	Yes	No
dedicated parking	Yes	No

more investment into allotment sites Yes No
Do you think there should be concessions on rental? Yes No
(e.g lower rates for pensioners, unemployed, etc)

Would you be happy to pay a higher rental to help provide free plots and concessions for others (as above)? Yes
No

Do you think there should be free plots for specific groups and individuals?
(e.g. charities, registered disabled) Yes No

Social and natural capital questions (Climate change and biodiversity)

Which of these environmental considerations do you consider are most important for allotment holders? Please rank

Reducing carbon footprint – carbon neutral

Reducing water consumption

Peat free policy

Renewable energy

Composting

Recycling

Reducing pollution from use of insecticides / herbicides

Wildlife friendly practices – eg providing nesting sites and space for pollinators

Health and wellbeing questions

Which of these health and wellbeing considerations do you consider are most important for allotment holders? Please

Rank

Learning opportunities – to encourage environmentally friendly growing, to encourage young people, to share good practice across the Sefton allotment community

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Developing community growing - eg outlets for excess produce eg shared plots for people who might not be able to keep up a full plot

Social opportunities – as above plus communal events and activities

Social prescribing – supporting people with health issues and recovering from illness through growing

Volunteering opportunities

Have you heard about the new Sefton Allotment Forum? Yes No

Would you be interested in getting involved in the forum ? (eg as a rep for your site, contributing to ideas and development of strategy) Yes No

Section C

About your site / plot

Which allotment site are you a tenant on? Choose from list

How long have you been a tenant? 0-2 years 2-5 years 5-10 years 10 years +

Thinking about the allotment site you are a tenant on please rate the following facilities / services:

Item	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Pathways access?						
water supply						
toilet						
composting facility						
communal hut/store						
Growing conditions						
Management of vacant or untended plots						
waste disposal						
Level of Vandalism/graffiti						
Condition of Fencing around individual plots						

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Security of site						
car parking						
site information						
Fly tipping						
Dog fouling						
vehicle access						
Personal safety						
Flooding						
Other (please state)						

verbatim comments here or ask them to pick say the top 3 issues on their site

- How do you travel to your plot?** Car Public Transport Walk Bicycle Other please state
- How many hours do you spend on your allotment per week in summer?** 1-2hr 2-5hr 6-10hr 11-20hr
20hrs+
- How many hours do you spend on your allotment per week in winter?** 1-2hr 2-5hr 6-10hr 11-20hr
20hrs+
- What do you grow on your plot?** (tick all that apply) Vegetables Fruit Flowers Herbs Fungi
- Do you use skips provided on site?** Yes No
- Do you use communal storage on site?** Yes No

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Are you an organic gardener? Fully Organic Partially organic Not Organic

What chemicals / products do you use? None other please state glyphosate, slug pellets peat based compost

Where do you store chemicals and how? (tick all that apply) On my plot at home don't use any locked
cabinet shelves shed

Do you compost green waste? Yes No

Is there any glass on your plot (part of buildings or stored / tipped)? Yes No
If yes where is it located? Shed eg window, greenhouse panes, cold frame, smashed in ground, stored on plot

Do you ever use your plot to store equipment not associated with growing on your allotment? Yes No
If yes then why? Please state

Does your site have an association or federation? Yes no Not sure

If yes, do you know who is your site association or federation representative? Yes No

Would you like to be more involved with your site ? Yes No

If yes, what would you be interested in?
Helping new tenants
Helping tenants with mobility impairments or other disabilities
Setting up / joining a site association
Organising events
Helping maintain communal areas such paths
Other please state

Are you happy with how sites are managed and inspected? Yes No

If not why not – verbatim comments

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Do you think allotments should get external accreditation awards? (eg Green Flag Status, as a way to improve standards)

Yes No Not sure

What improvements would you like to see at your site? Please tick all that apply **then pick top 5**

None
Toilet facilities
Horticulture advice
Perimeter Fencing
Better access for all
Better Inspection of plots by COUNCIL?
Composting facilities
Tree maintenance
Fencing around plots
Other please state