

Lockdown and Leeks



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Developing allotment strategy

- Review of policy and procedure
- Supporting the creation of a city-wide allotment federation.
- Promoting greater community ownership of allotments by supporting groups to design, fund, develop and self-manage sites.
- Managing high levels of demand for allotment plots across the city
- Ensuring that existing allotment sites are improved
- Ensuring the on-going development of new allotment sites in Salford.
- Promoting biodiversity and environmentally sustainable practices.



Meeting growing demand

<u>Waiting list by ward SCC sites</u>	
Barton	33
Boothstown & Ellenbrook	19
Broughton	50
Cadishead	56
Claremont	36
Eccles	29
Irlam	26
Irwell Riverside	61
Kersal	43
Langworthy	40
Little Hulton	62
Ordsall	51
Pendlebury	46
Swinton North	34
Swinton South	90
Walkden North	71
Walkden South	54
Weaste & Seedley	37
Winton	25
Worsley	52
Total*	915



- 26 allotment sites in Salford
- Currently 660 plots city wide
- 70 % self managed
- Demand has increased by 33% over lockdown
- Waiting time upward of 5 years

Promoting self management

- Self management promotes community cohesion and ownership
- Income from rent provides opportunities for site infrastructure improvements
- Management of waiting lists and tenants
- Opportunities to secure external funding for projects and site developments not available to city council
- Reduction in officer time and Council resources



Salford Allotment Federation

- Established in April 2013 with support from the City Council and National Allotment Society
- Aims to promote and share good practice, bringing together support and provide a voice for the diverse allotment groups from across the city
- Successfully supported self management
- Actively promoting opportunities to bring back derelict sites into use, with use of self help, community payback and external funding
- Two way communication
- Allotment Ambassadors



Rediscovering derelict plots



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2013



2018

- 2010: 3 sites with 43 derelict plots
- 2020: 2 sites fully transformed with increase in 20 plots
- Achieved through mixture of grants, capital funding, community payback involvement and volunteer input.

Gold plated veg

- 2021: Proposal for Beechfield allotments to increase allotment area from 12 to 52 plots
- Extend area onto former playing fields
- High levels of contamination



Change of use



Creating new sites



Ordsall Community Allotments



- 23 purpose-built allotments
- £170,000

Community growing schemes

- Working with voluntary sector
- Start your patch: developing community garden and mini allotments on former bowling green with mental health charity
- Incredible education transformed derelict former city council plant nursery into community growing space and forest school project

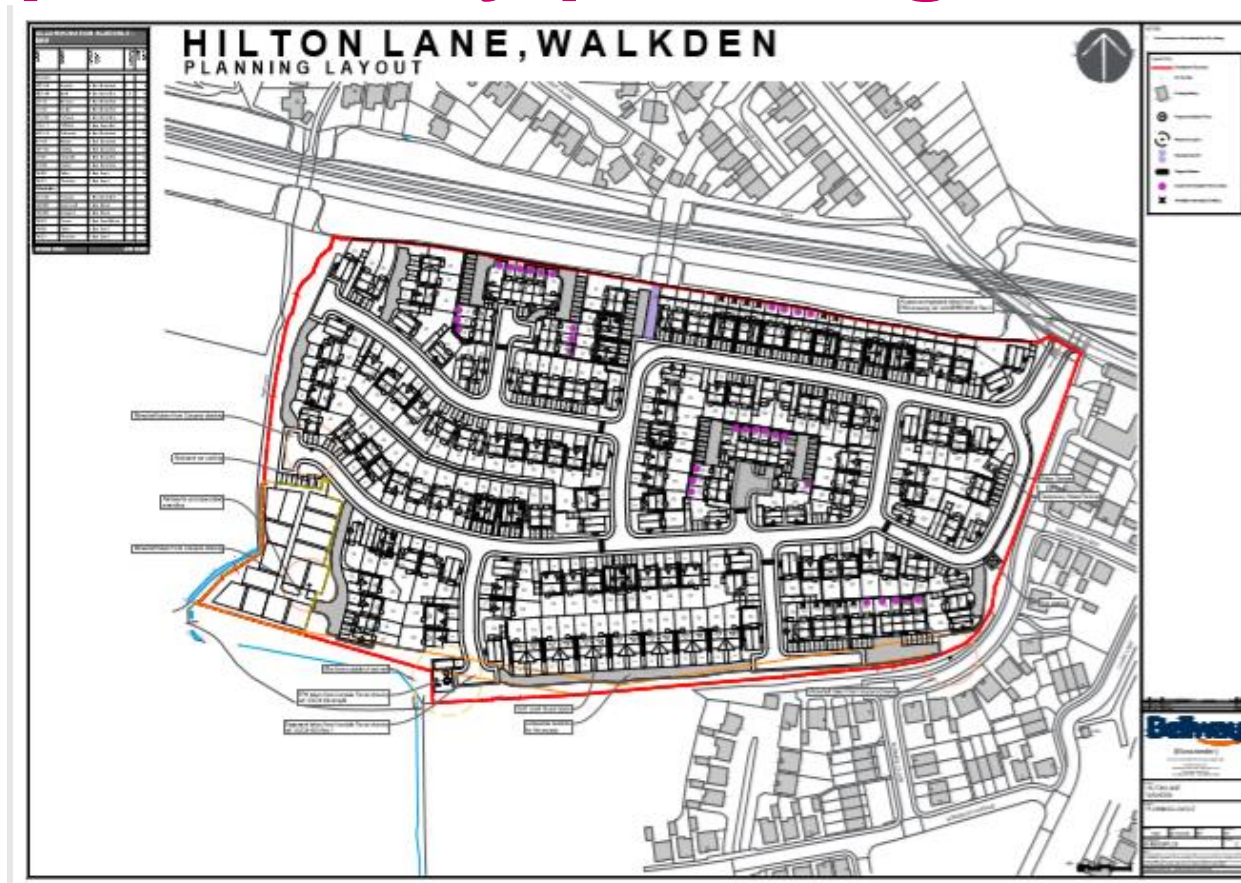


Greenspace strategy: supplementary planning document

Draft Policy GS11: Allotments

- New residential developments should contribute to the achievement of a minimum of 5,000m² (0.50 hectares) of allotments per 1,000 households,
- based on a minimum of 10 plots provided on new plots being 125m² (0.0125ha) in size.
- Provision and creation of allotments secured for 3 residential sites as part of planning agreement

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Future plans and development

- Support of self managed sites
- Support of Allotment Federation
- Links with wider food growing and health initiatives
- Maximising opportunities to increase sites and number of plots
- Promoting biodiversity and environmentally sustainable practices.

