# Allotment Specification

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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This document sets out the requirements of the allotments that are provided as part of the new neighbourhood provisions in West Durrington, Worthing.

1.2 Policy 1 of the 'Adopted Core Strategy April 2011' outlines that the development of the West Durrington site will deliver new leisure, social and community facilities. The 2003 'West Durrington Development Brief' also sets out the need for new community and leisure uses. As a consequence, the outline planning application for West Durrington provides new allotment facilities as part of the proposed Community Park area within the eastern part of the site.

1.3 CSA Tender Suite Drawings, ref: CSA/2861/204-205, detail all requirements of these Allotments and how these shall be delivered and set out.

## 2.0 ALLOTMENT REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The allotment garden area shall comprise of:

- Eight (8) half-size (120sqm) standard gardening plots
- Twelve (12) quarter-size (60sqm) standard gardening plots
- Two (2) quarter-size (60sqm) plots for use by the local residents as a community garden
- Three (3) H-shaped raised beds to facilitate access for children and disabled users
- A community orchard

2.2 Water supplies are to be provided in the form of ballcock and valve troughs in the positions indicated on the Community Park Allotment Proposals, ref: CSA/2861/204. The allotments are to be enclosed by a 1.8m high chain link (weldmesh) fence with double-leaf lockable gates at the main western entrance.

*Principal Use*

2.3 The allotments will be used by the local community and may be managed by the existing allotment holder's association.

*Allotment Dimensions*

2.4 Each allotment plot will be approximately 6 or 12 metres wide by 10 metres long, allowing for a total of twenty-two (22) plots of either 60sqm or 120sqm.

2.5 Raised plots are to be provided for less able users, with macadam paths 1.50m wide allowing access between the raised beds. The beds themselves will be 1.20m wide to allow for those in wheelchairs to reach both side of the plot. Beds shall be constructed of timber sleepers to a maximum height of 600mm, as set out on the detailed Community Park Allotment Proposals (ref: CSA/2861/204) and shall incorporate appropriate drainage.

2.6 Topsoil to all plots will comprise of site-won or imported material to meet BS 3882:2015. For details regarding topsoil conditions for all amenity grass seeded or planted areas, refer to detailed Plant Specification on Community Park Landscape Proposals (ref: CSA/2861/203).

*Water Supply*

2.7 4No. water supplies are to be provided and connected within the allotments scheme. 1No. of these will be left void of any above-ground product to allow the locally governing allotment association to install their own trough and/or standpipe, separate and different to the current water trough specification provided on the detailed Community Park Allotment Proposals (ref: CSA/2861/204).

2.8 Water will be controlled by a metered supply, responsibility for which will pass to the allotment users and/or transferee.

*Community Orchard*

2.9 A community orchard shall be established adjacent to the allotments in the northeastern corner of the Site as identified on the Community Park Allotment Proposals plan (ref: CSA/2861/204).

*Access and Parking*

2.10 A macadam surface path shall be provided that bisects the main bulk of allotment space in an east-west orientation, connecting the main access and nearby carparks with the community garden, new allotments, as well as the adjacent existing allotments.

2.11 From this macadam path, a self-binding hoggin footway will head north through the rest of the allotment space, with grass turf paths to provide direct and circulatory access between individual plots.

2.12 The aforementioned car park for the allotments shall be provided as part of the community building area, to the direct west of the allotment land.

*Boundary Treatments*

2.13 The western and southern boundaries shall comprise a 1.8m high chain link (weldmesh) fence. A 5m high ball-stop fence to the playing pitch shall be provided along the northern boundary. The existing and retained hedgerow along the eastern boundary shall be suitably cut back to allow sufficient farmyard vehicular access between the new and existing allotment areas. Double-leaf lockable gates, of at least 3m in width, will allow pedestrian and vehicular access from the west.

# 3.0 MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 Worthing Borough Council will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the allotments. The existing allotments to the east of the Site are run by Worthing Borough Council and Humber Avenue Community Allotments (HACA) Association. There is scope to include the new allotments within the same management structure.

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