

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Groby Road

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. Are there any plans to develop the land adjacent to the perimeter fence of Groby Road Allotments (Groby Road) if so which areas.**

Additional Info *"Refers to current lease document dated 18th December 2006, a copy of which you should have. It contains a map on page 2 showing all the released allotment land shaded in pink". (copy provided)*

No plans have been submitted. Please see attached 'AnsAttch1' which lists planning applications for sites near to Groby Rd allotments.

Although no plans have been submitted for development on the identified land, in 1999 the "Allotments Strategy Discussion Document" was produced for discussion with Allotment Societies and Allotment Holders.

The objectives of the Allotment Strategy were:-

- to review allotment provision across the City against public demand for plots and supply of current allotment land.
- make recommendations for the future development of the allotment service addressing issues of urban sustainability.
- indicate sites where further investment, consolidation or decommissioning are appropriate, in conjunction with suggestions for new forms of service funding.
- indicate potential uses for decommissioned allotment land city-wide in conjunction with the City of Leicester Local Plan.

The discussion document recommended that the Fosse Road Triangle allotments be decommissioned altogether and that the Groby Road allotments should be consolidated and the surplus land be decommissioned and designated for alternative use, subject to City Council Planning Policy. The Council's approach to the disposal, consolidation and retention of allotments was formalised in the "Allotment Strategy 2001".

The potential for development is reflected in a statement in the City of Leicester Local Plan 2006. Para 10.56 stated that: "In addition, the allotments at Laburnham Road, Groby Road and Harrison Road have significant areas of under-use and may be able to accommodate some development."

The local plan can be found at this link: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/plansandguidance/localplan/writtenstatement/>

- 2. What consultation has been done with residents/ community and other parties, when and with whom.**

Relevant consultations are therefore:

Consultation as part of the Allotment Strategy - Consultation was held in 2000 with allotment societies and allotment holders on the discussion document. Consultation took place with Groby Road Allotment Society on 1st March 2000. The allotment society agreed to major consolidation because of high site vacancy rates and shape of the site.

Consultation as part of the Local Plan preparation The "Replacement City of Leicester Local Plan" was put out for public consultation twice during its preparation. The 1st Deposit draft was placed on public consultation between 29th October and 10th December 2001 and the 2nd Deposit draft between 7th July and 18th August 2003. This consultation was advertised widely on a City wide basis.

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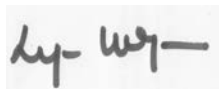
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is displayed on a light grey rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Head of Information Governance

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