

DECISION TAKER: Cabinet Member for Housing – Councillor Chris Westwood

REPORT TITLE: PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN IN WINNALL AND BIN STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 69-163 FIRMSTONE ROAD

11 DECEMBER 2024

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WARD(S): ST BARTHOLOMEW

DECISION:

That the Cabinet Member for Housing:

1. Agreed in principle to the proposal to create a community garden in Winnall, subject to a legal agreement and the required permissions.
2. Agreed the establishment of a constituted community group (subject to point 1), via the Housing and Communities teams, to manage the land as a growing space and as a space for residents to socialise in.
3. Agreed that the council enter into the appropriate legal arrangements with the community group to permit them to manage the land, subject to points 1 and 2 being agreed, as set out above.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Consider and respond to the points raised in a petition submitted on 20th August 2024, as per the council's petition policy (background document and petition as Appendix 1).

Discuss the proposed creation of a community garden in Winnall.

It is imperative that the council is clear on its robust management of Housing land in its response to the petitioner who is seeking to create a community garden on Housing land in Firmstone Road, Winnall, Winchester.

The development and establishment of a community group, with a constituted agreement, is necessary in the management of Housing assets.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

None

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY: Chris Westwood

DATE: 11.12.2024

Councillor Chris Westwood – Cabinet Member for Housing

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Petition – 20 August 2024

Appendix 2: Firmstone Road Project Proposal of 08 December 2023