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Subject: RE: New Allotments - Cot Hill, Llanwern

Hi Geraint,

Thanks for getting in touch about this. We are just about to commence a full public consultation regarding potential future allotment sites to address the current waiting list issue. At present, we have over 90 individuals registered for allotments. If we proceed with all eight of the sites as part of the consultation, we could potentially generate over 100 plots. However, there is a high probability that some of these sites will face local objections and we anticipate that we will potentially achieve about half of the sites. Therefore we urgently require additional allotment space across the city.

Considering this, I estimate that an allotment area of 1.0/0.9ha should generate approximately 30+ plots of standard 250 square metres. We could possibly increase the number of plots by making them five perch size, which is 125 square metres, depending on the number of people wanting to work the site. It is also likely that our current waiting list may also be increased by virtue of the number of dwellings being developed in the immediate area, and particularly in the east of the city.

In my view and experience, people are willing to travel distances of up to five miles to their allotments if they have a good aspect and soil, etc. Given the location and aspect of these proposed allotments, they would likely be extremely popular. The maximum area you mentioned, 9,000 square metres, would be suitable to achieve approximately 30 plots, depending on access arrangements, gates, welfare, etc. Therefore, given the current numbers waiting for allotments, I would say we should aim for the maximum size.

If it transpires that the site is significantly underutilised or unappealing, we could decide in the future to transform some of the site into a community orchard. We have a couple of sites with very small orchards, for the use of allotment holders. However, these are only single figures number of trees and on a couple of the larger sites. So in summary, please could you make sure that we get the maximum size for the allotment replacement.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,
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