



**ST ALBANS CITY & DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ALLOTMENT STRATEGY**  
**2014-2019**



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## 1. Introduction & Background

Allotments are a valued and important asset to the St Albans City & District, providing a wide range of benefits to both communities and the environment. They are a way of producing good low cost food, and they offer a recreational activity involving healthy exercise, social interaction and the fun and challenges of growing a variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

The majority of the allotment sites in St Albans were created between the 1920's and 1960's and were very well used. In the 1980's there was a national reduction in the number of sites following a decline in interest. In recent years a strong revival of interest in food growing, linked to healthy eating, the popularity of cookery programmes and taking physical exercise, has created a renewed demand for allotments and food growing.

The local government association has predicted that this demand will be on-going with a widening diversification of the profile of allotment holders. It is likely that there will be an increase in the number of female plot holders and that more people under the age of fifty will be taking on new plots.

Allotments are also important green open spaces, providing a haven for wildlife in the heart of our towns. Along with Parks they are often referred to as the "Green Lungs" of urban areas. On a historical level they also contribute to the retention of traditional skills and wisdom which through social interaction is passed on to future generations.

Current house building trends are inclined to provide smaller gardens, as pressure increases to optimise building land, and those who live in flats often have no individual garden at all. These circumstances disproportionately disadvantage those on lower incomes from the joys of growing their own fruit and vegetables, allotments can help to redress the balance.

### **The objective of the Council is to maximise the number of people using allotments.**

This in turn will help to achieve the outcomes and targets in the St Albans District Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy Plan.

## 2. Purpose of the Strategy

The District's population is set to grow by approximately 9% over the next 6 years and it is therefore vital to ensure sufficient allotment gardens are available for the increasing population. It should be noted that although our intention is to maximise allotment space, non-statutory allotments will be assessed on a case by case basis to assess their viability and that in managing our portfolio of allotments we will always need to respond to prevailing conditions and keep our approach to them under review.

This strategy seeks to optimise the use of allotment sites for existing and future plot holders. It puts in place a framework for the next 5 years to develop and manage allotments in partnership with users.

The strategy aims to;

- set standards for the provision of allotments
- increase the uptake of allotments
- improve the standard of service provision
- increase the benefits derived from allotments
- Improve the financial position of the service.

As a result of implementing this strategy a service will be developed in which people can expect:

- Good access and good security at allotment sites.
- Well maintained paths, roads and parking areas.
- Adequate water provision where possible.
- Reduced number of neglected plots.
- Opportunities and encouragement to individuals and communities wishing to be involved in the cultivation of allotments.
- Efficient and effective allotment administration.
- Fair open, equitable treatment, and safe tenure.
- Opportunities for developing gardening skills.
- Encouragement and support for associations to develop self-management of sites.
- Fair rents.

### **3. Current Provision**

All local authorities have a statutory duty “to provide a sufficient number of allotments if they are of the opinion that there is a demand for them”. St Albans City & District Council provides, manages and maintains approx 726 plots spread across 11 sites within the St Albans Area. (with one exception being Burydell in Park Street, which is a long standing historical agreement with the land owner, Gorhambury Estate).

This document will provide a framework for the next five years to develop and manage allotments and also help to inform and guide decisions that will be made as part of the Strategic Local Plan process.

There are a further 29 allotment sites, providing approximately 1065 plots in the parish’s of London Colney, Harpenden, Colney Heath, Wheathampstead, Redbourn & St Stephens. There is also a private site managed by Highfield Park situated between St Albans and London Colney which has 2 sites totalling 102 plots. The parish council’s and Highfield Park Trust have been consulted on this document. Their occupancy statistics can be seen in appendix 3.

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners suggest a national standard of 1 allotment plot for every 50 households (i.e. 20 allotments per 2,200 people (2.2 per house). This equates to 0.125 ha per 1,000 population based on an average plot size of 250 square metres.

Based on the current figure of 56,140 households in the district, the national standard would calculate to 1123 plots. Across the district the current provision is 1893 plots which is way in excess of the standard of 1 plot for every 50 households

The day to day management and promotion of the allotment service falls under the responsibility of the Parks & Green Spaces Team within the Community Services Department of the District Council. A small maintenance budget is also managed by this section. The maintenance of the communal access paths, hedges, the turning on/off of the water provision on each allotment site and the twice yearly delivery of skips is currently done by the grounds maintenance contractor.

Some District Council allotment sites require a capital spend in certain areas to allow them to be used as allotment plots again. Problems such as very poor drainage or extremely overgrown difficult to reach plots can make the cost of preparation prohibitive and thus a capital spend would be required to upgrade these sites.

There is currently a large demand for allotment plots within the District; at the time of writing the Council has a waiting list of 251 people.

#### **4. The role and benefits of allotments**

Allotments offer huge potential to help create a sustainable community:

- **Allotments as a sustainable source of food**

Increasing people's awareness about food and how it is made and grown can encourage people to eat more fresh vegetables and fruit. There are benefits to the environment by providing a local source of food that does not have to be transported over great distances. With good gardening skills it can be free from chemicals and encourages the composting of green waste. It also provides dietary benefits at low cost to people with low incomes.

- **Allotments as a resource for health**

Working an allotment offers healthy physical recreation for all people. It is increasingly being recognised for its therapeutic value, to the extent that it is now being prescribed as a treatment for stress by GPs in some areas.

- **Allotments as a community resource**

Allotment gardening is a great leveller. It can bring together people from all age groups and backgrounds around a common interest. It can help foster a mentoring relationship where experienced gardeners can pass on their knowledge to younger or less experienced ones. If allotments become more important to local communities, then problems with security and vandalism should decrease, demand should increase and participation will widen.

- **Allotments as an educational tool.**

Increasingly there is a need for children to be taught about where food comes from and the value of fruit and vegetables in a healthy lifestyle. School based projects on allotments offer an ideal opportunity to do this.

- **Allotments as a resource for bio-diversity.**

The range of plants on allotment sites offers a varied and valued habitat for flora and fauna, as do compost and wood piles all of which creates wildlife corridors.

- **Allotments as open space.**

Open space is becoming increasingly more important within our communities as the intensity of development increases in response to growing population and the demand for more households. A smaller proportion of dwellings are less likely to have access to a garden.

## **5. Legislation**

There is a complex legislative and regulatory rule surrounding allotment provision and maintenance. Allotment provision arose initially as a result of the enclosure movements in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and their origins were almost totally rural. It was only in the nineteenth century that the idea of urban allotments took hold and this culminated in the Allotment Acts of 1887 and 1890, which made the provision of allotments compulsory on any Local Authority where a need was shown to exist. The Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908 consolidated these measures and remains the principal act so far as allotments are concerned to the present day.

The 1998 White Paper, *The Future for Allotments*, recognised the undisputed health benefits of allotments and recommended that allotment provision be explicitly noted in national and local public health strategies. It stated that there is a need for urgent action to protect existing allotment sites, and that allotment legislation should be overhauled to ensure the long-term protection of allotments. At the time of writing no new legislation has been introduced.

Allotment gardens are currently protected from development in the District Local Plan Review, 1994 (Policy No 95), this policy states that:

*"Development on allotment land will only be permitted where:*

- 1. It is demonstrated that the allotments are no longer required; or*
- 2. Appropriate alternative provision is made within the locality."*

The District Local Plan will eventually be replaced by the St Albans Strategic Local Plan and as part of this document it is anticipated that a similar policy to protect allotments will be incorporated. In areas where there is a shortfall of allotment gardens it may also be possible, as part of new housing provision, to require developers to provide allotment sites within the development as part of a Section 106 agreement which would increase the number of allotments in the District to ensure that the needs of the future population are met.

## 6. Allotment Strategy Action Plan

To deliver the strategy the following objectives have been identified. The objectives have been drawn up in accordance with 'Growing in the Community – A Good Practice Guide for the Management of Allotments' and the Green Flag Park Award scheme. The intention is to use current best practices for green spaces and open spaces and incorporate them in the management of allotment sites. Actions to deliver these objectives will be included in the annual service development plans over the five-year period of the strategy.

### Objective 1

**Provide allotment sites that are welcoming and accessible to all**

Action	Lead	Budget
1.1 Ensure adequate and secure gates and fencing are installed and there is good access for all people to all sites	AO	Green Spaces
1.2 Ensure sites are Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant within limitations	AO	Capital
1.3 Work with site representatives and tenants to ensure all sites are attractive throughout and notice boards are updated regularly.	AO JOC SR	Green Spaces
1.4 Investigate the demand for smaller plot sizes, and provide if required which will reduce waiting list times.	AO	Officer Time
1.5 Investigate the demand for raised beds that include wheelchair access	AO	Capital
1.6 Arrange an annual meeting with all site reps.	AO SR	Green Spaces
1.7 Look at the possibility of installing mains or compostable toilets where viable and practical.	AO	Capital

### Objective 2

**Provide healthy, safe and secure allotments**

Action	Lead	Budget
2.1 Provide sites that are secure places for all members of the community	AO	Capital
2.2 Provide sites that are free from hazards to health	AO JOC	Green Spaces
2.3 Undertake yearly risk assessment visits	AO	Officer Time
2.4 Ensure all livestock is well cared for	AO	Officer Time
2.5 Ensure dogs on sites are kept under control and that sites are free from dog fouling	AO SR	Officer Time
2.6 Look at the possibility of installing council owned sheds for annual hire.	AO	Capital
2.7 Work with CPO's (community protection officers) to improve site security	AO CPO	Officer Time

### Objective 3

#### Ensure well-maintained, clean and safe allotments

Action	Lead	Budget
3.1 Regular analysis of the allotment tenancy agreement to reinforce tenants responsibilities	AO	Officer Time
3.2 Undertake individual site audits to identify extent of unwanted waste on each site	AO	Officer Time
3.4 Dispose of all dangerous and unwanted waste on each site	AO JOC	Green Spaces
3.5 Provide good allotment guides for all tenants to support the terms of the tenancy agreement and to clarify tenant responsibilities	AO	Green Spaces
3.6 Liaise with the grounds maintenance contractor on statutory maintenance and to control weeds on vacant plots before they go to seed, where possible.	AO JOC	Green Spaces

### Objective 4

#### Provide allotments that encourage sustainable practices

Action	Lead	Budget
4.1 Improve waste management on sites	AO WM	Minimal Cost
4.2 Minimise the amount of pollution generated on allotments	AO	Minimal Cost
4.3 Maximise water efficiency and look to reduce the annual mains water usage on each site	AO	Minimal Cost
4.4 Investigate the demand for the creation of 'organic only' plots/sites.	AO	Green Spaces

### Objective 5

#### Improve and encourage bio-diversity and conservation

Action	Lead	Budget
5.1 Identify, recognise and protect any areas rich in wildlife value, such as hedges and marginal areas	AO CMS	Green Spaces
5.2 Promote the range of habitats available for wildlife	AO CMS	Green Spaces
5.3 Assess and record the heritage value of each allotment site	AO PAM	Officer Time
5.4 Raise awareness of the heritage value of allotments	AO PAM	Minimal Cost
5.5 Look to broaden the green flag status to allotments	AO GS	Green Spaces

**Objective 6**  
**Promote community involvement and self-management**

Action	Lead	Budget
6.1 Encourage and support the establishment of effective allotment associations on sites	AO	Minimal Cost
6.2 Encourage education and learning opportunities on sites	AO SR AA	Minimal Cost
6.3 Identify all groups who are, or may be able to work in partnership on allotment sites	AO	Minimal Cost
6.4 Develop joint projects with partner organisations	AO	Minimal Cost
6.5 Support and develop projects and practices that increase the sustainability of allotment gardening	AO CMS	Minimal Cost
6.6 Encourage existing allotment associations to investigate the possibility of self management.	AO	Officer Time

**Objective 7**  
**Actively promote the allotment service**

Action	Lead	Budget
7.1 Provide good quality information about the service to users and non-users	AO WT CO	Minimal Cost
7.2 Promote the service through the councils Communication Unit and other media outlets.	AO CO	Green Spaces
7.3 Undertake satisfaction surveys and consider a survey of non-users	AO	Minimal Cost
7.4 Look to promote the district councils allotments through attendance at council run events	AO SR	Minimal Cost



## Objective 8

### Continue to improve the management of the allotment service

Action	Lead	Budget
8.1 Support the work of site representatives and ensure all sites are represented	AO	Officer Time
8.2 Review the current level of allotment provision and look at the possibility of opening new allotment sites	AO SAP CNC	Capital
8.3 Develop a management plan for each site	AO	Officer Time
8.4 Increase tenant involvement with the management of allotment sites	AO SR	Officer Time
8.5 Produce a tenant handbook to complement and support the terms of the tenancy agreement	AO	Green Spaces
8.6 Provide efficient allotment administration	AO	Officer Time
8.7 Improve online facilities including waiting list applications, marketing and social media, website and the online payment procedure.	AO WT CO	Minimal Cost
8.8 Review the fees and charges protocol annually including concessions management, introduce concessions for site representatives and late payment resolution.	AO FI	Officer Time
8.9 Maximise the benefits of available funding for all sites	AO GS	Capital S106
8.10 Obtain and implement the use of the Colony Allotment Database.	AO	Green Spaces

#### Key to Abbreviations

AO--Allotments Officer

JOC--John O Connor

WT --Web Team

SAP--St Albans Planning Dep

CO---Communication Team

GS---Green Spaces Team

CNC--City Neighbourhood Com

SR ---Site Reps

CMS--Countryside Management Services

PAM--Property & Asset Management

WM---Waste Management

FI----Finance Team

CPO—Community Protection Officers

AA---Allotment Associations

The allotment strategy by its very nature is a working document. To have specific relevance on a year to year basis there is a need for the strategy to be incremental in its development. This will be achieved by an annual review, linked to the Green Spaces Strategy document, to assess the success of the targets set in an ever-changing environment.

This strategy will be adopted in April 2014. Reviews will be undertaken annually and in the event of new legislation. A full revision will be undertaken in late 2018.

## 7. Allotment Plan Timetable

Objective	Action	Date	Update
<b><u>Year 1 2014</u></b>			
<b>1) Provide allotments that are welcoming to all.</b>	Ensure good and safe access to all sites. Look to install new fencing and gates.	Summer onwards	
	Work with sire reps and tenants to ensure all sites are attractive throughout.	Spring onwards	
	Investigate the demand for smaller plot sizes which will reduce waiting list times.	Ongoing	
	Trial an annual meeting with all site reps.	Autumn	
<b>2) Provide healthy, safe and secure allotments.</b>	Provide sites that are free from hazards to health	Winter	
	Undertake yearly risk assessment visits	Summer	
	Ensure all livestock is well cared for.	Spring	
	Work with the local community protection officers to improve site security.	Autumn	
<b>3) To ensure clean and well maintained allotments</b>	Regular analysis of the tenancy agreement to reinforce tenant's responsibilities.	ongoing	
	Undertake individual site audits to identify extent of unwanted waste on each site and arrange disposal	summer	
	Provide a good allotment guide for all tenants to support the terms of the tenancy agreement and to clarify tenant's responsibilities.	Ongoing	
	Work with the grounds maintenance contractor team to control weeds on vacant plots before they go to seed where possible.	Ongoing	
<b>4) Provide allotments that encourage sustainable practices.</b>	Improve waste management on sites	Ongoing	
	Maximise water efficiency and look to reduce the annual mains water usage on each site	Autumn	
<b>5) Improve and encourage bio-diversity and conservation</b>	Identify, recognise and protect any areas rich in wildlife value, such as hedges and marginal areas.	Autumn	
	Assess and record the heritage value of each allotment site	Winter	
<b>6) Promote community involvement and self-management</b>	Encourage and support the establishment of effective allotment associations on sites.	Ongoing	
	Encourage education and learning opportunities on sites	Spring	
	Identify all groups who are, or may be able to work in partnership on allotment sites.	Autumn	
	Develop joint projects and practices that increase the sustainability of allotment gardening	Winter	

Objective	Action	Date	Update
<b><u>Year 1 2014</u></b>			
<b>7) Actively promote the allotment service</b>	Provide good quality information about the service to users and non-users	Ongoing	
	Promote the service through the councils Communication Unit and other media outlets.	Autumn	
	Undertake satisfaction surveys and consider a survey of non-users	Winter	
	Look to promote the district councils allotments through attendance at council run events.	Summer	
<b>8) Continue to improve the management of the allotment service</b>	Support the work of the site representatives and ensure all sites are represented.	Ongoing	
	Review the current level of allotment provision and look at the possibility of opening new allotment sites.	Autumn	
	Increase tenant involvement with the management of allotment sites.	Ongoing	
	Provide efficient allotment administration	Ongoing	
	Improve online facilities including waiting list information, marketing, website and the online payment procedures.	Autumn	
	Review the fees and charges protocol annually including concessions management, introduce concessions for site representatives and late payment resolution	Annually	
	Maximise the benefits of available funding for all sites.	Ongoing	
	Obtain and implement the use of the Colony Allotment Database	Spring	



<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b><u>Year 2 2015</u></b>			
<b>1) Provide allotments that are welcoming to all.</b>	Ensure sites are DDA compliant within limitations.	Winter	
	Arrange an annual meeting with all site reps.	Autumn	
<b>2) Provide healthy, safe and secure allotments.</b>	Undertake yearly risk assessment visits	Winter	
	Ensure all livestock is well cared for.	Summer	
	Look at the possibility of installing council owned sheds for annual hire.	Winter	
<b>3) To ensure clean and well maintained allotments</b>	Regular analysis of the tenancy agreement to reinforce tenant's responsibilities.	ongoing	
	Undertake individual site audits to identify extent of unwanted waste on each site and arrange disposal	summer	
	Work with the grounds maintenance contractor team to control weeds on vacant plots before they go to seed where possible.	Ongoing	
<b>4) Provide allotments that encourage sustainable practices.</b>	Continue to Improve waste management on sites	Ongoing	
	Investigate the demand for the creation of organic only plots/sites	Spring	
<b>5) Improve and encourage bio-diversity and conservation</b>	Promote the range of habitats available for wildlife	Spring	
	Raise awareness of the heritage value of allotments	Spring	
	Look to broaden the parks green flag status to allotments	Spring	
<b>6) Promote community involvement and self-management</b>	Encourage existing allotment associations to investigate the possibility of self management	Summer	
<b>7) Actively promote the allotment service</b>	Provide good quality information about the service to users and non-users	Ongoing	
	Look to promote the district councils allotments through attendance at council run events.	Summer	
<b>8) Continue to improve the management of the allotment service</b>	Support the work of the site representatives and ensure all sites are represented.	Ongoing	
	Develop a management plan for each allotment site	Winter	
	Increase tenant involvement with the management of allotment sites.	Ongoing	
	Produce a tenant handbook to complement and support the terms of the tenancy agreement	Winter	

Objective	Action	Date	Update
<b><u>Year 2 2015</u></b>			
	Provide efficient allotment administration	Ongoing	
	Review the fees and charges protocol annually including concessions management, introduce concessions for site representatives and late payment resolution	Annually	
	Maximise the benefits of available funding for all sites.		

Objective	Action	Date	Update
<b><u>Year 3 2016</u></b>			
<b>1) Provide allotments that are welcoming to all.</b>	Look at the possibility of installing mains or compostable toilets where viable and practical.	Winter	
	Arrange an annual meeting with all site reps.	Autumn.	
<b>2) Provide healthy, safe and secure allotments.</b>	Undertake yearly risk assessment visits	Winter	
	Ensure all livestock is well cared for.	Summer	
<b>3) To ensure clean and well maintained allotments</b>	Regular analysis of the tenancy agreement to reinforce tenant's responsibilities.	ongoing	
	Undertake individual site audits to identify extent of unwanted waste on each site and arrange disposal	summer	
	Work with the grounds maintenance contractor team to control weeds on vacant plots before they go to seed where possible.	Ongoing	
<b>4) Provide allotments that encourage sustainable practices.</b>	Improve waste management on sites	Ongoing	
	Minimise the amount of pollution generated on allotments	Summer	
<b>5) Actively promote the allotment service</b>	Provide good quality information about the service to users and non-users	Ongoing	
	Look to promote the district councils allotments through attendance at council run events.	Summer	
<b>6) Continue to improve the management of the allotment service</b>	Support the work of the site representatives and ensure all sites are represented.	Ongoing	
	Increase tenant involvement with the management of allotment sites.	Ongoing	
	Provide efficient allotment administration	Ongoing	
	Review the fees and charges protocol annually including concessions management, introduce concessions for site representatives and late payment resolution	Annually	

Objective	Action	Date	Update
<b><u>Year 3 2016</u></b>			
	Maximise the benefits of available funding for all sites.	Ongoing	

Objective	Action	Date	Update
<b><u>Year 4 2017</u></b>			
<b>1) Provide allotments that are welcoming to all.</b>		Winter	
	Arrange an annual meeting with all site reps.	Autumn.	
<b>2) Provide healthy, safe and secure allotments.</b>	Undertake yearly risk assessment visits	Winter	
	Ensure all livestock is well cared for.	Summer	
<b>3) To ensure clean and well maintained allotments</b>	Regular analysis of the tenancy agreement to reinforce tenant's responsibilities.	ongoing	
	Undertake individual site audits to identify extent of unwanted waste on each site and arrange disposal	summer	
	Work with the grounds maintenance contractor team to control weeds on vacant plots before they go to seed where possible.	Ongoing	
<b>4) Provide allotments that encourage sustainable practices.</b>	Improve waste management on sites	Ongoing	
	Minimise the amount of pollution generated on allotments	Summer	
<b>5) Actively promote the allotment service</b>	Provide good quality information about the service to users and non-users	Ongoing	
	Look to promote the district councils allotments through attendance at council run events.	Summer	
<b>6) Continue to improve the management of the allotment service</b>	Support the work of the site representatives and ensure all sites are represented.	Ongoing	
	Increase tenant involvement with the management of allotment sites.	Ongoing	
	Provide efficient allotment administration	Ongoing	
	Review the fees and charges protocol annually including concessions management, introduce concessions for site representatives and late payment resolution	Annually	

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b><u>Year 5 2018</u></b>			
<b>1) Provide allotments that are welcoming to all.</b>		Winter	
	Arrange an annual meeting with all site reps.	Autumn.	
<b>2) Provide healthy, safe and secure allotments.</b>	Undertake yearly risk assessment visits	Winter	
	Ensure all livestock is well cared for.	Summer	
<b>3) To ensure clean and well maintained allotments</b>	Regular analysis of the tenancy agreement to reinforce tenant's responsibilities.	ongoing	
	Undertake individual site audits to identify extent of unwanted waste on each site and arrange disposal	summer	
	Work with the grounds maintenance contractor team to control weeds on vacant plots before they go to seed where possible.	Ongoing	
<b>4) Provide allotments that encourage sustainable practices.</b>	Improve waste management on sites	Ongoing	
	Minimise the amount of pollution generated on allotments	Summer	
<b>5) Actively promote the allotment service</b>	Provide good quality information about the service to users and non-users	Ongoing	
	Look to promote the district councils allotments through attendance at council run events.	Summer	
<b>6) Continue to improve the management of the allotment service</b>	Support the work of the site representatives and ensure all sites are represented.	Ongoing	
	Increase tenant involvement with the management of allotment sites.	Ongoing	
	Provide efficient allotment administration	Ongoing	
	Review the fees and charges protocol annually including concessions management, introduce concessions for site representatives and late payment resolution	Annually	
	Look to re-write the Allotment Strategy	Autumn	

## Appendix 1.

### Current St Albans District Council Allotments

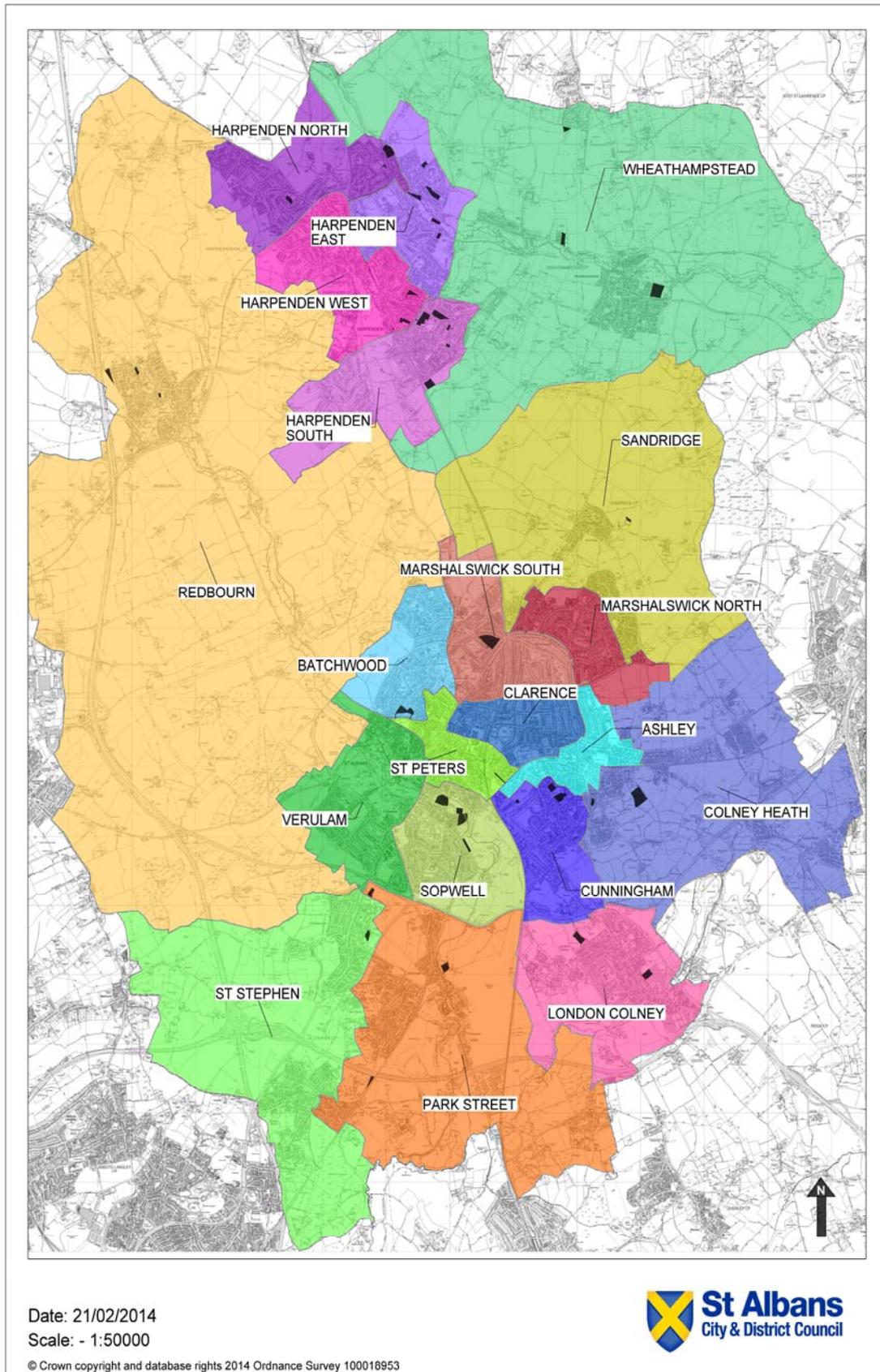
Site Name	Number of Plots	Waiting List (21/01/14)
Burydell Allotments	59	5
Camp Allotments	76	8
Camp 1 Allotments	44	13
Cottonmill Allotments	114	18
Cunningham Hill Allotments	11	10
Folly Lane Allotments	80	90
Nunnery 1 Allotments	57	11
Nunnery 2 Allotments	47	9
Sandridge Road	183	54
Shirley Road Allotments	10	25
Sopwell Mill Allotments	45	8
Total	726	251

### Allotment Cost Comparison Chart

<u>Borough, District, Town, Parish Council</u>	<u>5 pole cost</u>	<u>10 pole cost</u>
Redbourn	£10.00	£20.00
Cambridge City	£18.40	£36.70
Tring Town	£20.00	£40.00
Bishops Stortford Town	£20.00	£40.00
Wheathampstead	£20.00	£40.00
Oxford City	£21.00	£42.00
Hertford Town	£21.00	£42.00
Watford Borough	£22.00	£44.00
<b>St Albans City &amp; District</b>	<b>£23.30</b>	<b>£46.60</b>
Ware Town	£25.00	£50.00
Harrow	£21.30 + £10.65 water	£42.60 + £21.30 water
Stevenage	£36.25	£72.50
Waltham Forest	£39.00	£78.00
Bedford Borough	£50.50	£101.00
Enfield Borough	£47.50 + £6.75 water	£95.00 + £13.50 water
Welwyn Hatfield Borough	£55.20	£110.40
North Herts District	£59.00	£118.00
Barnet Borough	£60.00	£120.00
Brent Borough	£81.11	£162.22

**Appendix 2.**

**Location maps of the District Council's, parish's and private allotment sites.**



### Appendix 3

District Allotment Occupancy Statistic's Chart(as of 01/01/2014)

Site Name	Allotment Association	Size (Hectares)	Legal Status	Plots Available			Plots Occupied	Occupancy %
				Approx 5 Poles	Approx 10 poles	Total		
<b>District Council &amp; City Neighbourhood Com Owned &amp; Managed</b>								
Burydell (Owned by Gorhambury Estate)		0.85	Statutory	53	6	59	59	100.00%
Camp		1.27	Statutory	52	24	76	72	94.70%
Camp 1		0.8	Temporary	27	17	44	42	95.40%
Cottonmill		1.93	Statutory	82	32	114	114	100.00%
Cunningham Hill		0.16	Statutory	9	2	11	11	100%
Folly Lane		1.38	Statutory	54	26	80	80	100.00%
Nunnery 1		0.92	Statutory	43	14	57	55	96.40%
Nunnery 2		0.52	Statutory	47	0	47	45	95.70%
Sandridge Road		3.2	Statutory	119	64	183	182	99.40%
Shirley Road		0.12	Statutory	10	0	10	10	100%
Sopwell		0.53	Temporary	45	0	45	45	100%
		<b>11.68</b>		<b>541</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>98.40%</b>
<b>London Colney Parish</b>								
Shenley Lane		1.62	Temporary	35	5	40	40	100%
Richardson Close		0.71	Temporary	2	23	25	25	100%
		<b>2.33</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Colney Heath Parish</b>								
Glocester Park		0.4	Temporary	No Info	No Info	15	15	100%
<b>St Stephens Parish</b>								
Park Street Lane		No Info	Statutory	10	0	10	9	90%
Tippendell Lane		No Info	Statutory	51	0	51	45	88.23%
Watford Road 1		No Info	Statutory	30	0	30	25	83.33%
Watford Road 2		No Info	Statutory	16	0	16	16	100%
		<b>No Info</b>		<b>107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>88.78%</b>

<b>Harpenden Town</b>								
1. BATFORD	East Harpenden Gardening Club	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	68	59	86.70%
2. RIVERSIDE	East Harpenden Gardening Club	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	25	24	96%
3. PICKFORD HILL	East Harpenden Gardening Club	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	16	15	93.70%
4. MARQUIS LANE	East Harpenden Gardening Club	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	29	29	100%
5. CRABTREE LANE	East Harpenden Gardening Club	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	26	23	88.40%
6. WESTFIELD	East Harpenden Gardening Club	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	4	4	100%
7. ALDWICKBURY	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	91	91	100%
8. HARPENDEN RISE	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	34	34	100%
9. CROSS LANE	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	52	46	88%
10. TOPSTREET WAY	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	49	48	98%
11. SIBLEY AVENUE	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	15	15	100%
12. HEATH CLOSE ( SADC owned)	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	3	3	100%
13. OAKLEY ROAD ( SADC owned)	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	14	12	86%
14. CHURCHFIELD	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	34	34	100%
15. PIGGOTTSHILL	South Harpenden Allotments and Gardens Society	No Info	No Info	No Info	No Info	144	140	97%
		<b>No Info</b>	<b>No Info</b>	<b>No Info</b>	<b>No Info</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>95.50%</b>
<b>Redbourn Parish</b>								
1. Greyhound Meadow	Redbourn Allotment Association	0.18	Statutory	20	0	20	20	100%
2. Long Cutt (SADC owned)	Redbourn Allotment Association	0.35	Statutory	20	0	20	20	100%
3. Tassell Hall ( SADC owned)	Redbourn Allotment Association	0.8	Statutory	40	0	40	16	40%
		<b>1.33</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Highfield Park Trust (Private)</b>								
1. Old Site	Highfield Park Trust	No Info	Statutory	18	47	65	65	100%
2. New Site	Highfield Park Trust	No Info	Temporary	19	18	37	37	100%
		<b>No Info</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Wheathampstead Parish</b>								
1. Baxendale		No Info	No Info	20	0	20	20	100%
2. Folly		No Info	No Info	16	11	27	27	100%
3. Glebe		No Info	No Info	15	38	53	53	100%
4. Hitchens		No Info	No Info	35	59	94	94	100%
				<b>86</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>42 Sites</b>			<b>1893</b>	<b>1819</b>	<b>96.09%</b>