



South Tyneside Council

Date: 26th November 2018

Our Ref: FOI 18 20317

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Dear Mr Robertson

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 7th November 2018

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

I would like to know how many people are on the waiting list for the allotments at Northfield (Jack Clark Bowls Centre South Shields Tyne and Wear NE33 3HE). Further, what happens to a persons position on the list when he/she refuses a plot that has been offered?

Council's Response

I would like to know how many people are on the waiting list for the allotments at Northfield (Jack Clark Bowls Centre South Shields Tyne and Wear NE33 3HE).
As of the 23rd November 2018, there are 156 people on the waiting list

Further, what happens to a person's position on the list when he/she refuses a plot that has been offered?

A person is allowed to refuse one offer. If they refuse a subsequent offer they will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

In certain circumstances, gardens which are proving difficult to re-let can be offered to part or the whole of the waiting list. A refusal in this case would not be recorded as such.

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If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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