
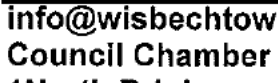


Application for Secretary of State Consent to Dispose of Statutory Allotment Land - Allotment Act 1925

YOUR DETAILS

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

Name of Allotment Site to be disposed of (including any name by which it is locally known)

Lynn Road

Q1. What is the nature of the disposal?

a) Sale

b) Lease

c) Change of use

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Please provide more information if you feel this would be helpful.

Site currently used for arable cultivation by local farmers, alternative community use sought. This would entail permanent change of use. A recent request has been received for land to house a local museum collection.

Q2. What are your reasons for disposing of the site/this part of the site?

a) Redevelopment

b) Redistributing supply

c) Soil contamination

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d) Lack of demand

Please provide more information if you feel this would be helpful.

The site is currently let entirely for 'commercial' use, and has not been used as allotments for several decades. The site was split into two parts by the straightening of the A1101 in the 1970s and is not desirable for use as gardening plots. There are 6 other sites in Wisbech (about 19.7 Ha with vacant plots of 15.6 Ha).

SECTION 2: STATUTORY CRITERIA

Adequate alternative provision will be made for displaced plot holders or that such provision is not necessary or is impracticable

Q3. Are you seeking to dispose of:

a) Whole site

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b) Part of the site

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Q4. How many plots are you intending to dispose of?

30

Q5. How many plot holders will be affected by the disposal if consent is granted?

0

Q6. What is the size, in hectares, of the area to be disposed of?

5.3

Q7. Have you secured alternative allotment provision?

No

If no, please explain why not.

No tenants on the current site as it is being used commercially. There are 6 other sites in Wisbech (about 19.7 Ha with vacant plots of 15.6 Ha).

Q8. What is the size, in hectares, of the alternative site?

n/a

Q9. How many plots will there be on the alternative site?

n/a

Q10. What is the size, in square metres of the plots on the existing site?

various
smallest
505
largest
3844

Q11. What is the size, in square metres, of the plots on the alternative site?

n/a

If there is a difference, please explain why.

We offer plots to suit the tenant and can be flexible in size.

Q12. What is the distance, in miles, of the alternative site from the existing site?

n/a

Please provide a map highlighting the existing site and the proposed alternative.
If the distance from the alternative site is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the existing site, please explain why.

map of all sites attached

Q13. Have you received objections from existing plot-holders or interested third parties? No

Q14. Is the alternative site currently:

a) Council owned land

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b) Commercially owned land

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Q15: What evidence have you obtained to show you have secured the use of the land for allotments?

n/a

SECTION 3: POLICY CRITERIA

1: The allotment in question is not necessary and is surplus to requirement

Q15: How many cultivated plots are there on the existing site? 0

Q16. How many plots are currently occupied on the existing site 0

Q17. How many people are there on the waiting list for the existing site? 0

Q18. Has the waiting list been closed? No

If yes, at what number have you closed it?

If you are claiming an exception to the criteria should apply, please provide your explanation here.

2: The number of people on the Waiting List has been effectively taken into account

Q18. How many people are there on the waiting list/s for other sites in the Council's area? 0

Q19. Have the waiting lists for any of these other sites been closed? No

If yes, at what number have these lists been closed?

If N/A, please explain why

Q19. Have any of the people on the other waiting list/s been offered a plot on the existing site? N/A

If no, please explain why not.

no waiting lists

Q20. Did any of those offered a plot on the existing site accept? N/A

Q21. If so, how many? n/a

Q22. If people refused a plot on the existing site, what reason/s did they provide?

n/a

Please provide copies of this correspondence

If you are claiming an exception to the criteria should apply, please provide your explanation here.

3. The authority has actively promoted and publicised the availability of sites and have consulted the National Allotment Society

Q23. Which of the following have you done to actively promote and publicise the availability of allotment sites across the council area?

a) web site or other social media (eg Twitter)

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b) Distributed leaflets

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c) Displayed posters

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d) Placed an announcement in newspapers/ specialist press or on local radio station?

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e) None of the above

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Select all that are appropriate.

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If you would like to provide more information about your answer, please do so here.

Annual allotment competition with good local Press coverage, promoted at local events e.g. themed Christmas tree at local National Trust property, advertised in Wisbech Town Guide (available online http://www.localauthoritypublishing.co.uk/flip_guides/wisbechguide/ , posted to most residents in Wisbech and available at many community outlets e.g. library, community centres, information points, local authority offices) produce shows as part of town festivals.

If you have answered (e), please explain what alternative methods you have used to promote and publicise allotment sites in your borough.

Q24. Have you consulted with the National Allotment Society?

Yes

Please provide copies of all correspondence with the Society

If you are claiming an exception to the criteria should apply, please provide your explanation here.

4. The implications of disposal for other relevant policies, in particular development plan policies, have been taken into account.

Q25. Is the existing allotment site specifically referenced in your council's agreed local or neighbourhood plan*?

No

If yes, please provide this section of the local or neighbourhood plan.

If there are any inconsistencies between the local plan and your intention to dispose of the existing allotment land, please explain below.

Q26. Will other council policies be affected by, or have they influenced, your decision to seek consent to dispose of the existing allotment land?

No

If yes, please provide more information.

Q27. Will any national Government policies be affected by, or have they influenced, your decision to seek consent to dispose of the existing allotment land?

No

If yes, please provide more information

If you are claiming an exception to the criteria should apply, please provide your explanation here.

*A neighbourhood plan is agreed when it has been voted for in a referendum.

SECTION 4: CHECKLIST OF EVIDENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The form below is intended to help speed up the decision making process with your application.

You can use it to check that you have provided all the information and evidence the NPCU will use when determining your application.

Question Number	Document	Relevant to provide	Provided
1	Map highlighting existing and alternative site	No	Yes
12	Copies of correspondence (letters, emails) showing objections/support for proposals	No	Yes
14	Evidence you've secured land for use as allotments	No	No
22	Correspondence showing reasons for refusing plot on existing site	No	No
23	Methods for publicising and promoting availability of allotment sites (information and copies)	Yes	Yes
24	Copies of correspondence with National Allotment Society	Yes	Yes
25	Relevant section of Local Plan	No	No
26	Other Council policies	No	No
27	National Government policies	No	No

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