

Housing Estates Improvement Programme 2015-2016 Summary Sheet



Arthur Henderson and William Banfield Estate

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Project applied for: Developing disused central space into an allotment space with raised beds, shrubs, seating, a lawn and wildlife features.

Approx. number of residents to benefit: 130 properties.

Of which, Council tenants: 85 properties.

Previous HEIP funding: In 2009/10 the estate received £7,000 for a play area and in 2011/12 it received £50,000 for a planting scheme. The previous play area project was to remove the play equipment from the space now under proposal leaving it vacant, and relocating the playarea to another part of the estate.

Project Summary: The site is a football field sized unused, walled area with concrete surfacing. It is behind William Banfield House and has an emergency access road through it. The residents have requested an allotment space with raised beds for food growing, fruit trees, shrubs, a central lawn space, habitat features, social space and storage.

Sustainability: The improvements will benefit the environment by introducing flowering plants to attract birds and bees to the estate, as well as providing the community with a more localised and sustainable source of fresh food.

Community involvement and need: Residents from the estate and stakeholders from nearby estates and schools have already been engaged by the TRA through meetings and discussion with LBHF staff and a consultation survey. The TRA wish to use the space for community events and also plan to open it up to local schools groups. The proposed improvements will benefit residents by encouraging community interaction through the creation of communal areas for socialising. There is a relatively new play area on the estate and shrubbery around the estate has recently been updated. The only local access to food growing facilities is the allotment at Putney Bridge, although the waiting lists are up to two years long. There have been discussions in the past amongst residents about using the space as a car park but suitability for this purpose had not been confirmed by LBHF. The housing officer has provided support to the proposal.

Longevity: The TRA have plans to set up a resident garden club upon completion of this project who would be responsible for maintaining the raised beds and fruit trees.

Security and other site issues: The area is not visible from the street, is poorly lit and there have been some ASB issues reported in the past. It has been suggested that lighting improvements be included as part of the project.

Maintenance requirements: There should be no increased maintenance requirements if resident gardening club assume responsibility for the space. There may be minimum maintenance requirements for the green roof.

Estimated costs:

Full capital project: **£70,000**

Opportunities for additional investment: There would be the possibility of bringing additional funding of up to £20,000 from funders such as WREF, Grow Wild, People's Health Trust, Capital Clean Up and Awards for All.