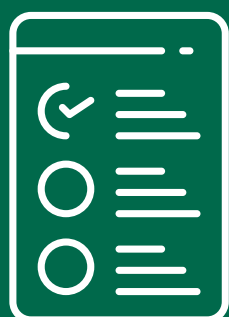


KENSINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE

3 October – 13 December 2022 we invited you to participate in community consultation about the Kensington Community Garden.



We heard from 94 people through pop ups, workshops and the online survey.

67 people completed our online survey. These are the results:

85%

of respondents said the garden had a positive impact on their health and wellbeing.



70% were people on the waitlist.

60%

of respondents visit or would visit a couple of times per week.



30% were current plot holders.

You said:

- “ [it's a] Lovely sense of community sharing seeds and produce. ”
- “ Create a section outside the locked area for growers to leave excess produce for community. ”
- “ The waitlist is too long. I'd be happy to have a smaller plot if it meant more people could join. ”
- “ I have enjoyed sharing friendships, gardening knowledge, plants and produce with fellow plot holder. During our many lockdowns in the past years I have depended on the garden for social interaction and exercise which was integral to my mental health. ”

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I love gardening! Unfortunately, I only rent an apartment (for 6.5 years now) so have to make do with a balcony.

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I would be happy with a smaller plot. 1x2m would be amazing or 1x1.5m.

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We ran 2 workshops at Kensington Town Hall and explored ways to make Kensington Community Garden open to more members of the community. 17 people attended the workshops and we heard from 12 plot holders and 5 people on the waiting list. 4 themes emerged.

Priority access to be given to certain community members.

Redesigning the garden to allow more people to use the garden.

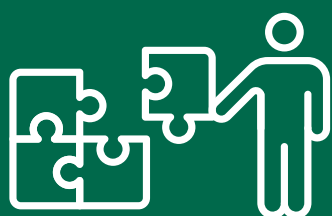
Limiting the amount of time a person can have a garden plot.

Allowing the community to self-manage the garden.

Your responses and ideas have informed the following decisions:



- **Access:** Only Kensington residents will be able to access the garden.



- **Future design:** The garden will be redesigned to allow more people to use the garden, and plot sizes will be reduced.



- **Tenure periods:** There will be limits on the time a person can have a garden plot.



- **Future management:** A committee of management will be introduced to oversee the future day-to-day management of the garden.

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