



Andover Town Council

Item
No.
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To **approve** a request from Ickniel School to use a gate into the Vigo Road Allotment site as an emergency evacuation route.

Produced for: Allotments Committee

By: Town Clerk.

Date of Report: 13 Jun 2024

Background:

A teacher at the school has asked if a large pile of earth can be moved from blocking the gate from Ickniel School into the allotments at Vigo Road. Historically the school have used the exit as an emergency evacuation route, but do not think that they have even been given permission to do so.

"It would be very helpful if this could remain as our secondary emergency evacuation route from the back of the building, as it avoids the main road for our vulnerable students. It would only ever be used in extreme situations, e.g, gas escape or complete burning building, where we need to move further away."

Proposer: Cllr

Seconder: Cllr

Proposals:

1. To **approve** that Ickniel School be permitted to use the gate into the allotments for emergency evacuation of the school premises if necessary.
2. To **approve** that fire alarm tests can be carried using the exit as many times a year as necessary, but that this will be co-ordinated with the Allotment Officer so that Officers of the Council can attend all practices.
3. To **approve** that Officers can arrange for a pile of soil in front of the exit gate to be moved, and that this will be carried out in consultation with the nearby tenants.

Considerations:

- Safety of children.
- Damage and protection of tenants produce and equipment
- Security of gate at other times.
- Good neighbour relations.
- Creation of an easement.

