



Andover Town Council

To **review** an allotment request.
To **instruct** Officers on how to proceed.

Item No.

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Produced for: Allotments Committee

By: Allotment Officer

Date of Report: 21st April 2026

Background:

The tenant took on the plot in November 2022 and has consistently met the cultivation requirements each year. Their beekeeping request was approved in January 2023, and they have complied with the relevant rules since that time.

Request:

I have held Plot allotments for several years and have greatly enjoyed growing fruit and vegetables there, as well as keeping my bees on the plot.

Unfortunately, I have a genetic heart condition which has progressively worsened. As a result, I am now finding the physical demands of maintaining the plot, particularly digging, planting, and harvesting, increasingly difficult, as prolonged bending exacerbates my symptoms. I am, however, still quite able to manage my beekeeping activities, as these are largely undertaken upright.

I have discussed this situation with _____, who holds the adjacent Plot _____ and is currently limited for space. Given my circumstances, we would like to request permission to share Plot _____. Under this arrangement, I would retain use of the lower section for beekeeping, while _____ would take responsibility for the remaining area and its general cultivation.

You may already be aware of the excellent standard to which Plot 1 maintains her own plot, and I am confident that Plot 2 would continue to be very well cared for under this shared arrangement.

I appreciate that splitting a plot may present administrative considerations, so I am content for the billing to remain in my name, with any cost-sharing managed privately between us. However, I would be grateful if [redacted] could be formally recorded as a co-allocated user of the plot. This would provide reassurance that any long-term investment she makes in planting or infrastructure is recognised and protected.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether this proposal would be acceptable please.

We're not trying to subvert the allocation process or anything. Just attempting to provide a simple solution.

It does mean my plot isn't in as good a state as I'd like at the moment though I'm afraid.

Current Rules and Regulations:

3.2. Alienation

3.2.1. Not to sub-let, assign or part with the possession of the Allotment Plot or any part of it without the prior written consent of the Council. For the purposes of clarification, a transfer of the tenancy falls within this paragraph and is prohibited.

3.2.2. The Council may provide prior written approval for a Tenant to have a co-worker under conditions set by the Council, however this cannot be paid work.

3.2.3. Joint Tenancy may be permitted at the discretion of the Town Council.

Recommendation:

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