

# ALLOTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS CONSULTATION

## You said, We did

Argyll and Bute Council carried out a public consultation on the draft Allotment Rules and Regulations. The consultation ran between 24 January and 21 February 2020.

The consultation was undertaken to ensure that the Council have in place a set of Allotment Rules and Regulations that help regulate, support and facilitate further activity.

36 responses were received, 35 were submitted by individuals and 1 response was received from an allotment association, all of which were submitted via SurveyMonkey.

### Outline of the feedback:

Of those surveyed over 50% either agreed or strongly agreed that the Rules and Regulations supported the Councils vision to encourage and enable people who wish to grow their own food. 20% either disagreed or strongly disagreed that the Rules and Regulations supported the vision. The remaining respondents (25%) neither agreed nor disagreed.

**You said:** people on the waiting list shouldn't go to the bottom if they reject a plot.

**We did:** this provision has been removed from the Rules and Regulations.

**You said:** charges should be nominal.

**We did:** Rules and Regulations now make specific reference to the need to keep charges to a minimum.

**You said:** the Rules and Regulations should encourage sustainable practises.

**We did:** have revised sections to encourage sustainable practises including natural methods of pest and disease control.

**You said:** allotments should be used for personal purposes only.

**We did:** removed the provision for tenants to be permitted to sell produce.

**You said:** dogs should not be permitted on growing spaces.

**We did:** that has been included within the Rules and Regulations.

**You said:** there is no commitment given on how quickly consideration will be given to requests to locate structures on an allotment plot.

**We did:** a 28 day timeframe on a decision has been included.

**You said:** the Rules and Regulations don't signpost potential food growing spaces and/or offer guidance and advice.

**We did:** before the Rules and Regulations are published an explanatory note will be attached that signposts potential food growing spaces, guidance and advice.

**You said:** there should be mention of flowers and shrubs.

**We did:** the Rules and Regulations have been expanded to include reference to flowers and shrubs.