

Allotment waiting list

Solihull MBC have 10 Council managed allotment sites and in recent years the demand for these allotments has far outgrown the supply resulting in longer and longer waiting lists. These waiting lists are becoming increasingly time consuming for officers to manage and we do not expect the situation to change within the near future.

It is often seen as the Council not being proactive enough in the letting of allotment plots resulting in them sitting vacant, in some cases this can be a number of months. The actual fact being applicants on the waiting list are either not responding to our letters or e-mails or feel that the plot they have been offered is not quite right for them and wish to wait for a more suitable plot.

Allotment waiting list policy

- Applicants wishing to apply for an allotment may do so by using the online application form or by contacting Solihull Connect. Applicants must live within the Borough or within 1km of the allotment site.
- We hold a waiting list for each Council managed allotment site. Applicants can only be added to 2 waiting lists at any one time.
- All applicants on the waiting list will be contacted annually in October to determine whether or not they wish to remain on the list. If no response is received within 28 days, their details will be removed from the waiting list.
- An offer letter including an allotment tenancy agreement and the site representative's details will be sent to the applicant when a plot becomes vacant and their name is at the top of the waiting list. If the applicant wishes to take on the plot they must return the signed tenancy agreement within 28 days as stipulated on the offer letter. If no response is received within 28 days their name will be removed from the waiting list(s).
- If the applicant wishes to decline the plot they have been offered but wish to remain on the list their details will be moved to the bottom of that list. The applicant's position on another list will not be affected.
- Whilst demand is high for allotment plots within the borough applicants will be restricted to 1 plot per household. Existing plot holders may add their name to a waiting list if they wish to change sites or plots. Once a new plot has been offered and accepted they will have 1 month in which to transfer any produce or possessions from their original plot to their new plot, before the tenancy is terminated.
- Tenants of uncultivated plots will be contacted by letter and reminded of their obligations and the termination conditions. It is the responsibility of the plot holder to inform the Council of any difficulties they maybe having in cultivating their plot. Hardship and illness will be taken into account and each case will be treated on an individual basis.