

Allotment Strategy Consultation Results

This note summarises the results of the survey that was carried out on Citizen's Space regarding the Allotments Strategy, which ran from 04/09/2025 to 17/10/2025. The responses are being used to help shape and inform the final draft of the Allotments Strategy.

In total, 329 people responded to the survey.

Question 1: Are you a Trafford resident		
Yes	317	96.35%
No	8	2.43%
Rather not say	4	1.22%
Not answered	0	0
Total responses	329	100%

Question 2: Are you responding as :		
Allotment Tenant	229	69.60%
Representing an Allotment committee	17	5.17%
Other	84	25.53%
Rather not say	6	1.82%
Not Answered	0	0%
Total responses	342	100%

Question 3: If you chose other and wish to specify, please do so here		
Local councillor	3	6.12%
Former plot holder	12	24.49%
On the waiting list / would like an allotment	14	28.57%
Neighbour of an allotment	14	28.57%
Volunteer / helper on an allotment	6	12.240%
Total responses	49	100%

Question 4: First Objective: Improve allotment infrastructure to make sites more accessible and functional for users. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with this objective		
Strongly Agree	167	50.76%
Agree	118	35.87%
Neutral	40	12.16%
Disagree	1	0.030%
Strongly Disagree	3	0.91%
Total responses	329	100%

Do you think the following actions are appropriate to support this objective?

Identify priority boundary improvements and seek external funding support		
Yes	253	76.90%
No	54	16.41%
Rather not say	20	6.08%
Not answered	2	0.61%
Total responses	329	100%

Identify priority water provision improvements and seek external funding support prioritising rainwater harvesting schemes		
Yes	291	88.45%
No	28	8.51%
Rather not say	8	2.43%
Not answered	2	0.61%
Total responses	329	100%

Identify priority asset improvements and seek external funding support		
Yes	227	69%
No	57	17.33%
Rather not say	39	11.85%
Not answered	6	1.82%
Total responses	329	100%

Identify access improvements for people with mobility issues		
Yes	269	81.76%
No	36	10.94%
Rather not say	22	6.69%
Not answered	2	0.61%
Total responses		100%

Identify flooding issues and bid for capital funds to address issues		
Yes	269	81.76%
No	41	12.46%
Rather not say	16	4.86%
Not answered	3	0.91%
Total responses		100%

Question 5: Second Objective: Support, empower and reward allotment site volunteers. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with the objective:

Strongly Agree	130	39.51%
Agree	123	37.39%
Neutral	61	18.54%
Disagree	9	2.74%
Strongly Disagree	6	1.82%
Total responses	329	100%

Do you think the following actions are appropriate to support this objective?

Celebrate best practice & establish Award(s) for highly recognised volunteers.

Yes	229	69.60%
No	75	22.80%
Rather not say	25	7.60%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Network Allotment committees through meetings.

Yes	230	69.91%
No	66	20.06%
Rather not say	33	10.03%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Support Committee training.

Yes	251	76.29%
No	52	15.81%
Rather not say	26	7.90%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Investigate delivery of appropriate maintenance tasks by site committees.

Yes	236	71.73%
No	50	15.20%
Rather not say	43	13.07%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Improve the Non-Cultivation & nuisance process.		
Yes	260	79.03%
No	36	10.94%
Rather not say	33	10.03%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Communicate what the role of committee is to plot holders.		
Yes	278	84.50%
No	34	10.33%
Rather not say	17	5.17%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Investigate merging smaller Allotment Committees together to form a committee		
Yes	132	40.12%
No	143	43.47%
Rather not say	54	16.41%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Question 6: Third Objective: Ensuring sufficient allotments. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with this objective:		
Strongly Agree	222	67.48%
Agree	81	24.62%
Neutral	26	7.90%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Do you think the following actions are appropriate to support this objective?

Investigate the provision of half plots for new tenants.		
Yes	288	87.54%
No	24	7.29%
Rather not say	17	5.17%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Identify space on existing allotments where plots can be created.		
Yes	274	83.28%
No	40	12.16%
Rather not say	15	4.56%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Use Planning Policy to encourage new developments to include allotment provision.		
Yes	298	90.58%
No	21	6.38%
Rather not say	10	3.04%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Establish a system to signpost people on long waiting lists, to local shorter waiting lists		
Yes	313	95.14%
No	9	2.74%
Rather not say	7	2.13%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Restrict plots to people living within the local authority area.		
Yes	249	75.68%
No	52	15.81%
Rather not say	28	8.51%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Restrict tenants to a single full-size plot unless a new tenant cannot be found.		
Yes	231	70.21%
No	73	22.19%
Rather not say	25	7.60%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Provide regular updates on applicants' position on the waiting list.		
Yes	298	90.58%
No	20	6.08%
Rather not say	11	3.34%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Question 7: Fourth Objective: Enhance environmental sustainability including biodiversity and sustainable food production. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with this objective:

Strongly Agree	209	63.53%
Agree	86	26.14%
Neutral	28	8.51%
Disagree	4	1.22%
Strongly Disagree	2	0.61%
Total responses	329	100%

Do you think the following actions are appropriate to support this objective?

Provide guidance on how to enhance biodiversity.

Yes	293	89.06%
No	25	7.60%
Rather not say	11	3.34%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Encourage organic gardening & the avoidance of peat compost

Yes	264	80.24%
No	36	10.94%
Rather not say	29	8.81%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Investigate communal rainwater harvesting.

Yes	300	91.19%
No	22	6.69%
Rather not say	7	2.13%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Provide water conservation advice & guidance on installing equipment.

Yes	294	89.36%
No	22	6.69%
Rather not say	13	3.95%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Work with partners to provide low-cost water butts.		
Yes	310	94.22%
No	12	3.65%
Rather not say	7	2.13%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Encourage the avoidance of burning		
Yes	191	58.05%
No	108	32.83%
Rather not say	30	9.12%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Institute a ban on carpet use; concrete structures & tyres on allotments.		
Yes	249	75.68%
No	49	14.89%
Rather not say	31	9.42%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Investigate Communal composting provision.		
Yes	264	80.24%
No	49	14.89%
Rather not say	16	4.86%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Question 8: Fifth Objective: Celebrate and Promote allotment gardening. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with this objective :		
Strongly Agree	210	63.83%
Agree	81	24.62%
Neutral	36	10.94%
Disagree	2	0.61%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Do you think the following actions are appropriate to support this objective?

Review and publicise the Website & provide a borough wide e-newsletter.		
Yes	256	77.81%
No	39	11.85%
Rather not say	34	10.33%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Address digital exclusion.		
Yes	235	71.43%
No	42	12.77%
Rather not say	52	15.81%
Not answered		0%
Total responses	329	100%

Provide guidance and promotion on community & schools' engagement		
Yes	259	78.72%
No	40	12.16%
Rather not say	30	9.12%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Encourage community volunteers from outside allotment.		
Yes	197	59.88%
No	88	26.75%
Rather not say	44	13.37%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Improve outreach through Neighbourhood Networks.		
Yes	228	69.30%
No	48	14.59%
Rather not say	53	16.11%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Support access to gardening equipment.		
Yes	286	86.92%
No	25	7.60%
Rather not say	18	5.47%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Question 9: Sixth Objective : Create a sustainably funded service that meets demand for the long term. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with the objective :		
Strongly Agree	177	53.80%
Agree	105	31.91%
Neutral	43	13.07%

Question 9: Sixth Objective : Create a sustainably funded service that meets demand for the long term. Please choose from the following scale how much you agree with the objective :

Disagree	3	0.91%
Strongly Disagree	1	0.30%
Total responses	329	100%

Do you think the following actions are appropriate to support this objective?

Review maintenance contracts for grass cutting, hedges etc to ensure the schedule is sufficient and the best value for money.

Yes	280	85.11%
No	23	6.99%
Rather not say	26	7.90%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Form an ongoing partnership with the community payback team to undertake work on the allotments

Yes	220	66.87%
No	46	13.98%
Rather not say	63	19.15%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Seek to go paperless with billing and correspondence to allotment tenants, for those who opt in.

Yes	263	79.94%
No	46	13.98%
Rather not say	20	6.08%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Achieve water bill savings through data monitoring and encouraging rain water conservation.

Yes	274	83.28%
No	31	9.42%
Rather not say	24	7.29%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Promote grant funding opportunities.		
Yes	307	93.31%
No	7	2.13%
Rather not say	15	4.56%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%

Lever social value opportunities from Council procurement exercises.		
Yes	220	66.87%
No	30	9.12%
Rather not say	79	24.01%
Not answered	0	0%
Total responses	329	100%