



## Places to Grow

### Policy OS5: Allotments and Growing Space

- A. The Council will maintain and protect an adequate supply of allotment provision to meet existing and future needs, wherever possible.
- B. Allotment sites and identified community food growing gardens in Trafford will be protected from development unless:
  - i. They are proven to be surplus to community requirements.
  - ii. They cannot serve an alternative open space use; or
  - iii. Alternative provision of equal or better size and quality is made.
- C. Opportunities for the establishment of new allotments and food growing areas, along with appropriate expansions of existing allotment sites, will be supported.
- D. Major residential development over 50 homes must provide opportunities to incorporate food growing areas such as allotments, community gardens, roof gardens and/or temporary use of vacant land.

### Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-G2; JP-G6; and JP-P6.

### Relevant Strategic Objectives

SO2, SO3, SO7 and SO9

- 9.31. Allotments and community gardens create potential for local food production, healthy lifestyles, physical activity and social interaction, whilst also forming an important part of Trafford's green infrastructure and nature network.
- 9.32. National planning policy, recognises this and advises that planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which (among other things) provide access to healthier food and allotments.



- 9.33. Trafford's provision of allotments amounts to approximately 1,500 plots across 37 sites, equal to provision of approximately 7 plots per 1,000 population, and many of them have waiting lists.
- 9.34. Provision of additional areas for recreational food production is therefore both encouraged and desired and opportunities to meet as much of that need as possible supported.

### **Consultation Question 9-5**

Do you support Policy OS5? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.