



BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES POLICY

Introduction

This policy has been designed to inform plot holders of the buildings and constructions that are permitted/not permitted on the allotments operated by Hart Allotments*. This policy is linked with the sustainability policy.

Definitions

Buildings and constructions in the context of this policy refers to all structures (temporary or otherwise). No structures may be erected by plot holders on the site without the permission of Hart Allotments except as identified below.

Sheds

If plot holders would prefer to have their own shed, these are permitted on condition that:

- Written permission is sought from Hart Allotments before its erection giving dimensions and **providing a sketch of the plot where the shed will be situated**. (This is to ensure that the location will not adversely affect neighbouring plot holders)
- They are no bigger than 6' x 4' with height being proportional to these dimensions e.g. approx 6' high.
- They are situated in the area allocated to sheds at the side of the allotment (if applicable) OR
- They are situated in such a way that minimal shade falls on an adjoining person's allotment. (For the Pilcot site the preferable location is in the **middle** of the **south edge** of the plot {i.e. furthest away from the gate}).
- Glass substitutes (such as Plastic/Polycarbonate/Perspex) are used for any window panes (if applicable). See materials further on in this policy.
- Plot holders are restricted to one shed per plot

Housing of rabbits or hens

Although Hart Allotments discourages the keeping of rabbits or hens (see Livestock policy), buildings may be erected for the purposes of housing these animals. For the maximum size and positioning please see 'Sheds' above. Buildings constructed to house hens must be approved by the committee. Details of the construction to be used (such as layout/siting) will be required during the application process for approving tenants to keep livestock.

Small temporary structures

Small temporary structures such as cold frames, fruit cages are permitted without authorization, however, consideration needs to be given to their location so as they do not to impact upon neighbouring allotments. The maximum height of permitted polytunnels is 1 metre.

Greenhouses

Glass greenhouses are not permitted on individual allotments.

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Glass substitute (such as Plastic/Polycarbonate/Perspex) paned greenhouses are permitted on condition that they are no bigger than 6' x 4' and they are situated in such a way that shade does not encroach on an adjoining person's allotment at any time.

Plot holders are restricted to one greenhouse per plot.

Ponds

Not permitted on individual allotments

Materials

For health and safety reasons only glass substitutes (such as polycarbonate, perspex or other alternatives) may be used in any permitted structures.

The Tenant shall not use any barbed or razor wire (or similar) for a fence on the Allotment Site

Water Butts

In line with the sustainability policy, Hart Allotments encourages plot holders to collect water to be used on sites. Individuals may position water butts on their allotment, however, they must be situated so that they do not negatively impact adjoining plot holders e.g. shade, overflowing of butts.

Composting Bins

In line with the sustainability policy, Hart Allotments encourages plot holders to compost green refuse. Individual plot holders may position composting bins on their allotments if desired. However, they must be situated so that they do not negatively impact adjoining plot holders e.g. shade.

Storage restrictions

Due to health and safety reasons, oil, fuel, lubricants or other flammable liquids must not be kept in any shed or temporary structure.

Similarly the storage of toxic substances/pesticides/weed killers must not be kept in any shed or temporary structure.

Condition

The tenant shall keep all sheds, and other structures in good repair and to the satisfaction of Hart Allotments.

Policy Implementation/ Enforcement

HA will appoint a member of the Management Committee to oversee this policy.

Plot holders will be required to remove unauthorized buildings and structures from the site.