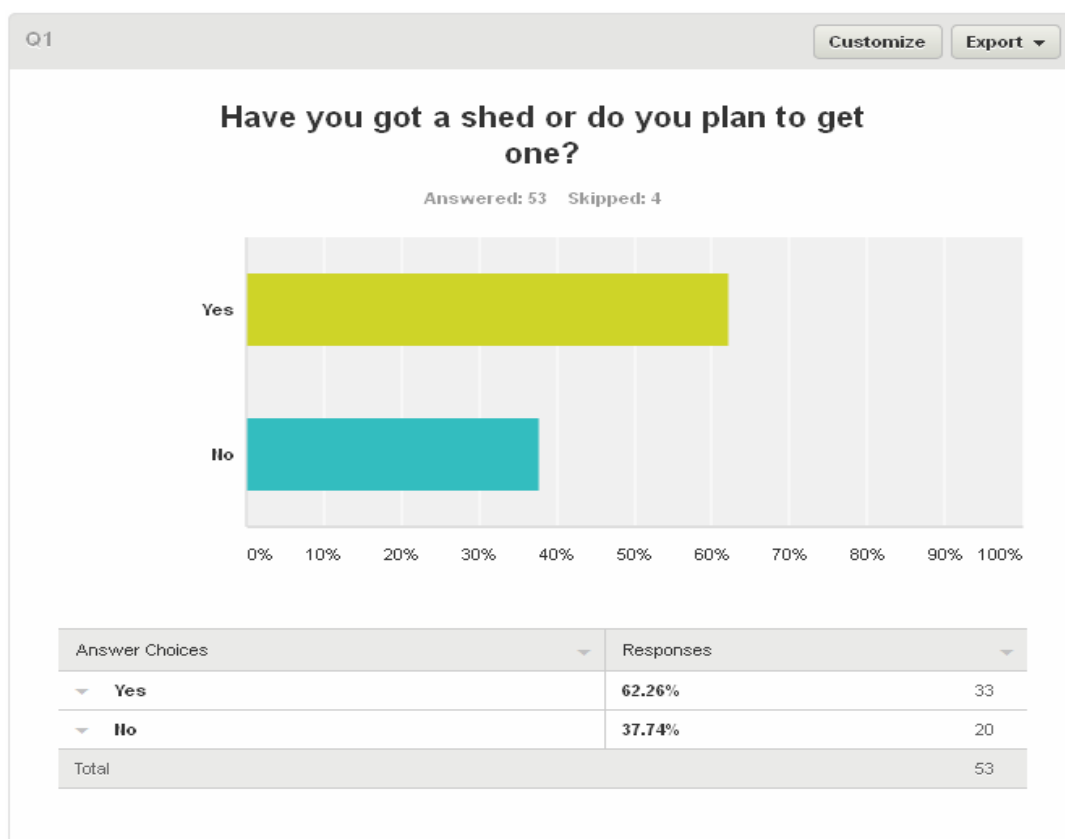


## Results of the Hart Allotments Shed Survey – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Summary:

- A good response from the membership making sure that the results represent the members' views (both from those that have sheds and those that don't)
- Sheds should be allowed on all size plots (including minis) (close call!)
- Beach hut style idea for all sheds to be in a row was not popular
- There needs to be some regulation as to where tenants can place sheds on their plots (tenants should not be permitted to put them anywhere on their plots)
- The policy should allow neighbours (who may be affected by shade) to have local agreements.
- Adjoining sheds should be permitted (e.g. back to back etc) with agreeing neighbours. (close call!)
- New tenants need to work out an agreement with their neighbours when taking up a plot
- If a new tenant doesn't want to be part of a previous local agreement they have the right to ask for the shed to be moved.
- Most would like the shed committee to be involved in placement approval and dealing with disputes

### Responses:



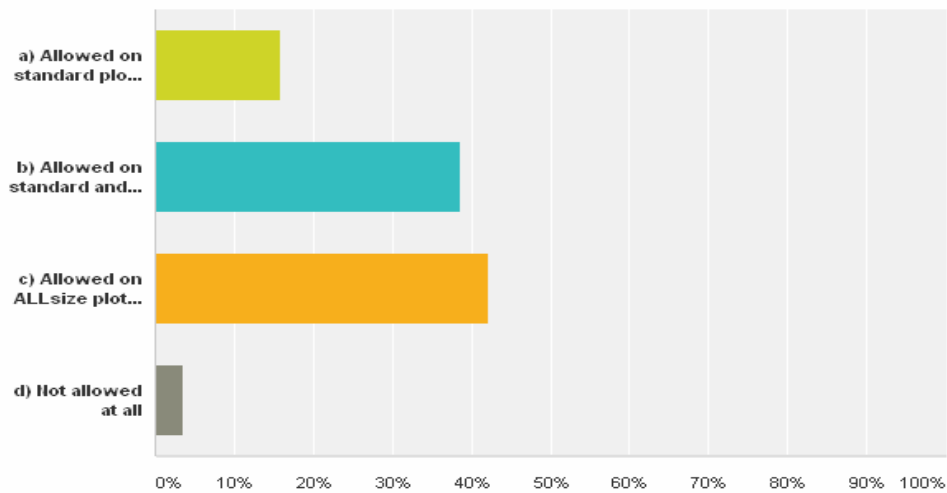
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### Permissions: Do you think that sheds should be:

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ a) Allowed on standard plots only	15.79%	9
▼ b) Allowed on standard and small plots only	38.60%	22
▼ c) Allowed on ALL size plots (including mini)	42.11%	24
▼ d) Not allowed at all	3.51%	2
Total	57	

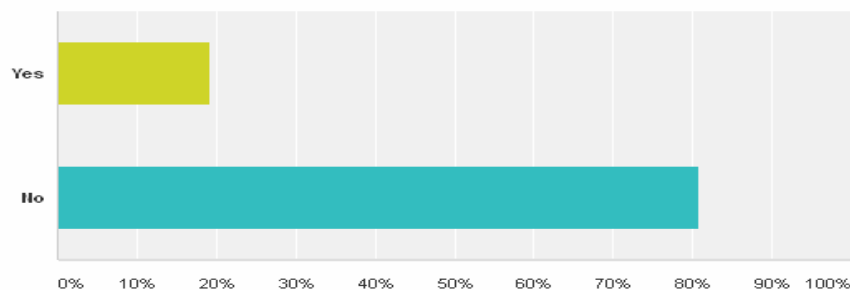
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### Do you think that we should negotiate with the farmers for an extra strip of land and put ALL sheds in a row in a 'beach hut' style. (i.e. no sheds on individual plots. (Shed Tenants pay extra to cover the cost of the extra lease costs)

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Yes	19.30%	11
▼ No	80.70%	46
Total	57	

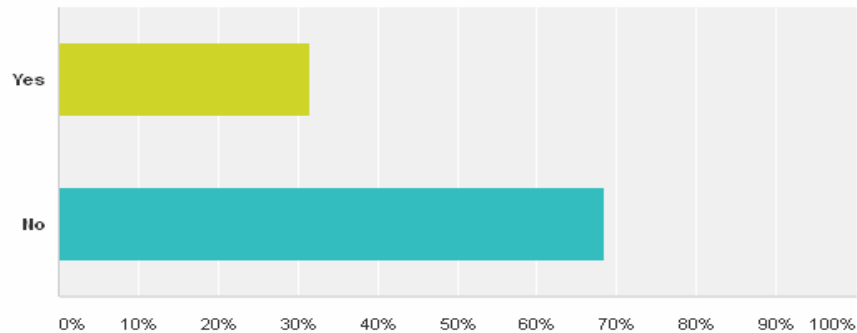
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### Shed Positioning: Do you think that tenants should be allowed to position their sheds anywhere on their plot?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	31.58% 18
No	68.42% 39
Total	57

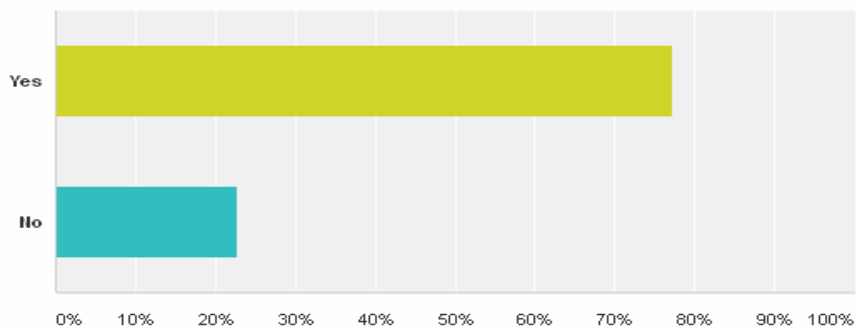
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### Do you want the policy to allow for local agreements between surrounding neighbours that may be affected by shade?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	77.19% 44
No	22.81% 13
Total	57

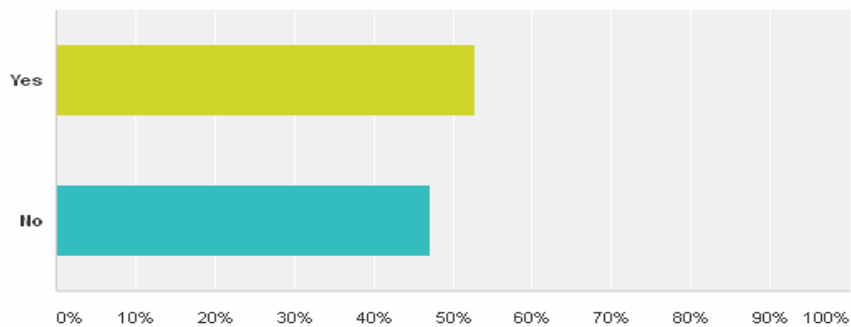
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**Do you think that we should allow adjoining sheds (e.g. back-to-back, side to side) on neighbouring plots? (At present this is not permitted because when a neighbour leaves the remaining shed will probably now produce shade on the adjoining plot and the tenant may be reluctant to move their shed.)**

Answered: 55 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52.73%	29
No	47.27%	26
Total		55

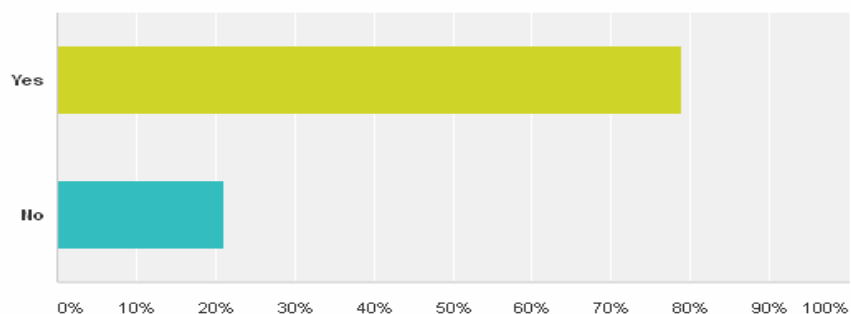
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**Do you agree that when a tenant leaves (after having been part of a local agreement) the remaining tenant and the new tenant need to work out a suitable arrangement between themselves**

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	78.95%	45
No	21.05%	12
Total		57

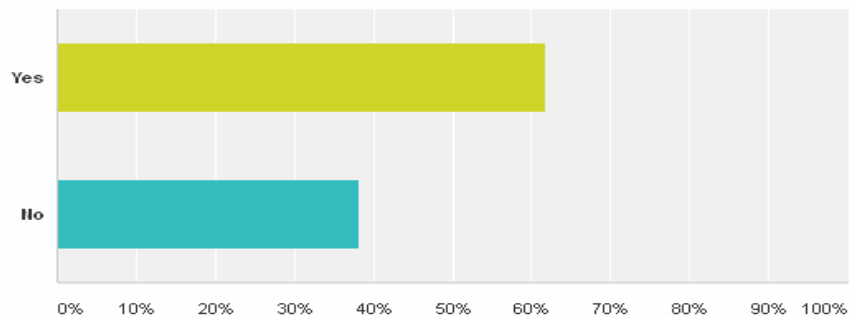
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**If a new tenant disagrees with the positioning of a shed on an adjoining plot should they have the right to ask for the shed to be moved?**

Answered: 55 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Yes	61.82%	34
▼ No	38.18%	21
Total	55	

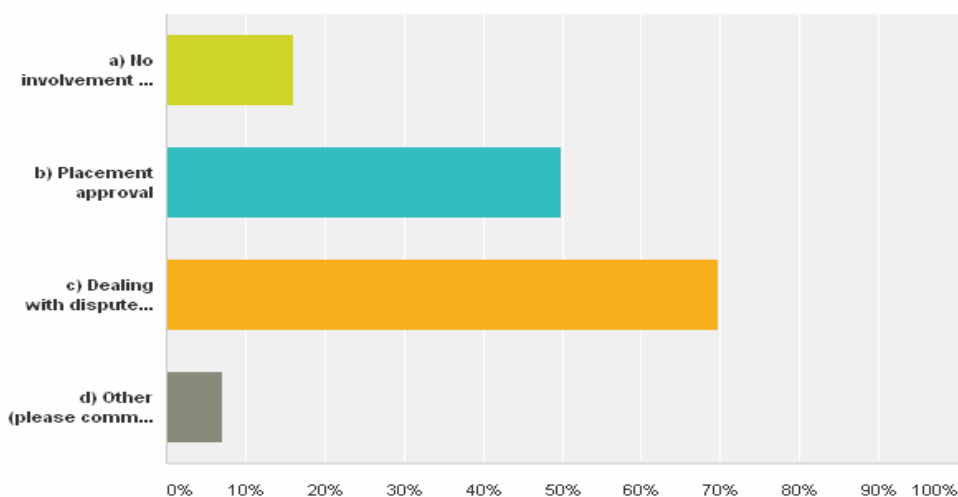
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**Shed sub-committee involvement. When do you think that the shed committee should be involved? (other than meeting council requirements) (multiple answers possible)**

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ a) No involvement - let tenants agree or argue it out between themselves	16.07%	9
▼ b) Placement approval	50.00%	28
▼ c) Dealing with disputes between tenants	69.64%	39
▼ d) Other (please comment on question below)	7.14%	4
Total Respondents: 56		

## Q10 Comments

<p>It's important that sheds do not shade adjacent plots. I think owners with sheds like them to be on the plot as a social focus within the plot.</p> <p>4/30/2015 9:40 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>Small plots do not have much choice over where to place a shed so should not be asked to prevent shade. Large plots to have a choice and out of courtesy should follow guidelines taking into account their neighbours plot. The shed committee should only be involved in disputes where shading has occurred and there was an alternative position AND a complaint has been made. If there is no complaint then do not get involved. I do not think new tenants have the right to complain about existing shed placements. They knew where the shed was when they took on the plot.</p> <p>4/29/2015 7:01 AM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>No. 8. New tenants should be made aware of the plot (and any evil shadows) before committing to the plot. An existing shed shouldn't have to be move. No. 9. The committee should have sensible guidelines - basically to be considerate to neighbours, &amp; should consider any initial complaints prior to shed placement. Once a shed is placed, any new neighbour should be aware of it as it is &amp; only decide whether to take the plot or not. If they aren't happy with it, wait for a different plot. Existing, agreed sheds should not be made to move. I think, as with much of the committee, there is too much trivial, protracted bureaucracy &amp; pedantic 'health &amp; safety'. Much more reasonable, rational 'common sense' is needed in all matters, including sheds. Help rather than hinder.</p> <p>4/28/2015 11:10 AM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>I have no real problems with sheds as long as they don't cast shade on an adjacent plot, and are also not so close to the boundary to interfere with cultivation, e.g. kneeling to weed for people on an adjacent plot. The beach hut idea sounds an excellent one to avoid all shed problems now and in the future.</p> <p>4/27/2015 8:50 AM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>As we have an end plot we have positioned our plot so that it shades no other plot. If sheds were all together some users would be far away.</p> <p>4/26/2015 7:51 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>I'm happy with what has happened so far, its largely common sense. Long may it reign!</p> <p>4/26/2015 4:11 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>My view is that all tenants should be allowed a shed on their plot and that it should be in the current rules. In many cases that will mean that back to back sheds will minimize shade for those on other plots and in some it wont. Equally forcing a shed to be rotated should take into account of the potentially increased shade presented by the ridge. I trust common sense can be applied quite simply by discussing these issues 'face to face' on site. I guess any change to the rules could potentially result in a claim against the allotment society by those that had already reached an agreement, bought sheds and then are no longer permitted them. Having been on a waiting list for an allotment for several years, the desire to have one after my husband suffered a life changing stroke in 2011 became as much a part of recovery by socialising as well as growing our own veg. This is meant to be a happy, fun thing to do, let's not get bogged down with detail and get on with having fun.</p> <p>4/26/2015 1:46 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>New tenants should accept the plot as seen. If they don't like the position of surrounding sheds they should not take on the plot. Simple.</p> <p>4/26/2015 11:03 AM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>I think a common sense approach is needed. We're all grown ups and as long as Sheds or other building don't represent a significant disadvantage to another plot they should be allowed to go where the plot holder would like it to go.</p> <p>4/25/2015 5:52 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>The is always on the move, and not stay in one all the time.</p> <p>4/25/2015 11:01 AM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>I think tenants should do the sensible thing and ask anybody who will be affected before putting up a shed. For existing sheds, the new tenant makes a decision to rent the plot based on 'as is'. The committee to be used as last resort.</p> <p>4/25/2015 10:02 AM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>New tenants taking on a plot do so as seen.</p> <p>4/24/2015 7:40 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>I feel there should be NO involvement from the committee unless neighbouring tenants can't reach an agreement . but the committee should always remain consistant in all their findings. I also feel 'the sheds in one row' beach hut style . in a very bad idea , as it would make it much easier for break- ins. Also the shade issue I find hard to get to grips with anyway as the sun moves round the field a plot would only have 'shed shade' for a very short time.</p> <p>4/24/2015 5:49 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>If there is a problem the person on the committee responsible for sheds should meet face to face not send e mails saying "you are not allowed"</p> <p>4/24/2015 2:14 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>With regard to Q3: This would be OK if it were optional. i.e Shed on plot or pay for space on the 'beach hut' style strip. With regard to Q4: Tenants would need to agree with affected neighbours before placing the shed. With regard to Q9: Placement approval taking into account local agreements.</p> <p>4/24/2015 1:30 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>I don't have a shed.</p> <p>4/24/2015 1:24 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>Back to back sheds seems a good compromise otherwise sheds halfway across or in the middle of a plot would only shade the p[lot] tenant and not interfere with the adjoining plots.</p> <p>4/24/2015 12:45 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	
<p>The committee should have the final word in any dispute. Unfettered local agreements risk setting precedents which make it harder for the committee to enforce the rules.</p> <p>4/24/2015 12:36 PM <a href="#">View respondent's answers</a></p>	