

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Allotments Additional Buildings Policy**

### **1. Introduction**

This Policy has been agreed in response to requests from allotment tenants to be allowed to erect individual sheds on allotments. The Council has therefore decided to permit the erection of sheds, provided the following conditions are observed. Tenants must apply to the Town Clerk prior to erecting a shed.

The Council will review this policy annually.

### **2. Conditions**

#### **2.1. Council Liability**

The Council does not accept any liability whatsoever arising from the introduction of sheds on the allotments and the use of sheds on the site is entirely at the allotment holders' risk.

#### **2.2. Design Standards**

One shed per plot only unless agreed by the Council, to be constructed of wood, plastic or metal and secured to prevent uplift. Sheds must be temporary structures only, with a maximum size of 6'(l) x 4'(d) x 6'6" (h) with a pent or apex roof. Sheds may not be covered in broken glass, barbed or razor wire or any other hazardous material.

#### **2.3. Position**

There must be at least 1 metre between the shed and the allotment boundary and any adjoining allotment. Sheds should not be placed where they block access to or create shade on adjoining plots.

#### **2.4. Condition**

Sheds must be maintained in safe order with a neat external appearance.

#### **2.5. Storage**

No hazardous or inflammable substances may be stored in the sheds, including paraffin, calor or liquid petroleum gas.

#### **2.6. Tenants Liabilities**

- 1) To complete an application form before erecting a shed.
- 2) To ensure that sheds comply with all conditions, including planning regulations
- 3) To remove the shed:
  - a) at the end of tenancy period, or
  - b) if instructed by the Council on the grounds that the shed does not comply with the council's conditions.

If the shed is not removed within one month of the end of tenancy, or the date of notice to remove it will be removed by the council and the tenant will be charged the cost of removal.

#### **2.7. Costs**

All costs for erection, maintenance and removal of the shed will be the responsibility of the tenant. The Council will not be liable to reimburse any costs incurred by the tenant in purchasing and/ or erecting the shed.

**ALLOTMENTS SHEDS POLICY Adopted by the Facilities Committee: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (Minute Number 10.3.17)**