Allotments in New Developments Service

The National Allotment Society
National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd

A specialist service from The National Allotment Society, created in consultation with planners and developers working on live development cases

Who is The NAS Allotments in New Developments Service for?

The service is available to planners and associated staff working for local councils and to staff working for corporate developers. You might be a planner, civil engineer, architect or project manager and you could be working on various stages of a new development e.g. a single housing estate, a series of new Garden Villages, or a new industrial development requiring allotments in the immediate residential surroundings to achieve e.g. Biodiversity Net Gain. Your development project could be at any stage between initial planning and completion. All sizes and types of development are included in the NAS Allotments in New Developments Service.

Why include allotments in new developments?

The inclusion of allotments in new developments can help local councils and developers meet their statutory duties, along with achieving planning priorities required for the sustainable development of local communities via a design-led approach e.g. Putting Health into Place, Promoting Healthy Weight Environments, Biodiversity Net Gain and the National Design Guide. With a long standing tradition of community-led management, allotments are a sustainable low risk investment with few long term commitments required of developers. The National Allotment Society has been working with increasing numbers of Local Planning Authorities and Developers who are proactively including allotments in and around new developments.

What we offer:

- Design guidance and examples to suit all shapes, sizes and aesthetics
- Examples of good practice
- Field visits and online meetings
- Policy frameworks
- Guidance on the transition process for community-led management
- In summary, bespoke advice specific to your proposed new allotment site(s)

We can assist at any stage of a new development, however, the earlier you contact us the more help and support we can provide.

Our expertise:

• NAS are the leading national organisation with specialist knowledge on the development of allotment gardens in England and Wales
• 90 Years experience in promoting, protecting and preserving allotments
• Involvement in the creation of hundreds of new allotment sites around the country
• In-house legal advice relating to the creation of allotments
• Excellent NAS Regional Network throughout England and Wales Accessing the Allotments in New Developments Service
• Development type (housing estate, village, industrial etc)
• Planning status (e.g. pre-approval, approved, construction underway)
• Timescale(s) • Size and scope of allotments within your plans
• An idea of the support you believe you need at this stage.

Accessing the Allotments in New Developments Service:

We can assist at any stage of a new development, however, the earlier you contact us the more help and support we can provide. Please provide the **following information** with your initial enquiry:

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We will then contact you to arrange an initial online meeting with members of our Legal and Regional teams to discuss your needs and make plans.

