

Process to Identify Suitable Allotment Land

In 2008 a Recreation and Leisure Survey was carried out across the borough.

As part of the survey residents were asked a series of questions in relation to leisure and recreation activities within Stockton, including the provision of allotments.

Currently within Stockton there is an under provision of allotments and the table below (taken from the open space audit) shows the amount of allotment land per person in 7 key areas.

Allotment Quantity by Area	
Ingleby Barwick	Nil
Stockton East	2m2
Stockton West	6m2
Billingham	16m2
Thornaby	23m2
Yarm	23m2
Eaglescliffe	39m2

During the survey residents were asked if they felt there needed to be a further provision of allotments near to their home, the results are: -

Ingleby Barwick = 8%	Stockton East = 5%
Stockton West = 8%	Billingham = 3%
Thornaby = 7%	Yarm = 10%
Eaglescliffe = 5%	

The results of the survey along with up to date information from allotments waiting lists are being used to form part of the Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy Consultation which is due to take place from Nov 2008 – June 2009.

The consultation will be targeted on a local level to engage residents and identify their own priorities for use of available open space in their own neighbourhoods, allotment provision will be included in this consultation.

Results from the consultation will be fed into and form the priorities in the GI Strategy for Stockton which will outline and identify suitable land for development, the Strategy will incorporate an action plan which will identify and prioritise funding sources (including links into Supplementary Planning Documents for potential developers contributions).

The Green Infrastructure Strategy will be an overarching document for open space management and development and will link into appropriate planning guidance, such as the Local Development Framework, in particular the Environmental Development Plan (DPD) and Regeneration DPD.

Allotment provision has already been identified as a priority and is included in the LDF, the consultation evidence and the GI Strategy will support the priorities for the local area as well as identifying resources for development and revenue to ensure sustainable sites.