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Subject: Dewsbury Riverside: Allotment at Ravensthorpe Road

Reference: PLANNING APPLICATION 2021/62/90552/E

Further to your letter of 05 March 2021 regarding the above and following repeated failed attempts to access the "Comments" section of this webpage I am now resorting to emailing you to ask for the following points to be included for consideration before the application is

completed or approved.

These comments are submitted on behalf of the current Allotment Holders and are of particular relevance to the proposed new site. Some resolution/answers would be appreciated before any final decisions are reached and prior to the considered closure of the existing allotments or allocation of the proposed new site.

1. What provision is being made for the existence of the Congress of Newts currently breeding on the current Ravensthorpe Road Allotments which are a protected species?
2. What are the results of the Soil Tests supposedly carried out on the proposed new site?
3. What action is being taken to resolve the issues of drainage on the proposed new site?
4. Is provision being made for Disabled Access to the proposed new site along with the facility to provide raised beds for any Disabled/Wheelchair User Allotment Holder to be able to work with.
5. Is provision being made for each individual new allotment to be securely fenced to ensure separation from neighbouring allotment holders and to ensure the ability to work each separate allotment with a degree of autonomy/privacy?
6. Has consideration been given to the installation of Security Cameras, with information from such being accessed by Allotment Holder via an App on their phones, in order to enable them to maintain security in respect of each individual plot.
7. Has any provision been made to provide toilet facilities on the proposed site, including Disabled Access facilities.
8. When will the current Allotment Holders have access, or input to, the proposed plans for the new Allotments to ensure that all aspects of these are being met and addressed?

The above are all points which would have been raised had meetings been held for ongoing consultations prior to the new Allotment site being agreed or Planning or applied for. We appreciate that the past 12 months have been hindered by Covid-19 restrictions but feel that further involvement could have been applied, particularly with the use of current technology which could have been initiated across most allotment holders to enable all relevant points to have been raised before this stage.

We would now ask that all the above points are included in the paperwork to be submitted following closure of the Application documentation on 1st April 2021 as stated in your letter of 5 March 2021.

for and on behalf of Ravensthorpe Road Allotment Holders