

Clay Farm Community Gardens consultation summary Dec 2018

Consultation was arranged by the Clay Farm Community Garden group. This opened on October 27th and closed on December 14th. A web based consultation was created, with the option to complete a hard copy questionnaire. Flyers were posted and 7,000 leaflets were distributed widely, with one to every home being included with the Trumpet parish magazine, and publicity on local social media platforms such as Nextdoor and Trumpington Neighbours Help Me Out. Stands were held at the Clay Farm Centre opening and at Trumpington Meadows School Christmas Fair, with displays and information materials. Two face to face events were held in November and December at the Shed with good attendance at both. In addition, the City Council and Countryside Properties Ltd arranged two further public meetings in January, also well attended.

Question	Comments	Action
Use of the Garden	Socialising, relaxation, venue for outdoor activities. Mix of formal and informal areas. Some educational use and links with the local school. Enhance bio diversity. Area where events could take place, similar to those held in the summer. Aesthetically pleasing to those residents who overlook the site as well as those walking through and past.	Comments have been circulated to Landscape Architect to consider in design of gardens.
The Building	Rustic appearance. Not rustic – must fit in with local area Energy efficient building Accessible toilet / hand wash facilities Small as possible / practical Link to iron age buildings found on site / near by Current build should remain in current location and just be clad. Not a meeting space (Clay Farm centre caters for this) Should be on the allotments Serving hatch for vendors to use Situated on west side of the gardens	Comments have been circulated to Landscape Architect to consider in design of gardens. Consideration to comments will be made when putting in planning application for the building.

	<p>Small and tidy Green roof Solar panels Used for equipment store only Aesthetically pleasing for those who have to look at it.</p>	
<p>Garden Features</p>	<p>Water feature BBQ feature Willow feature (workshops) Self-filling water tanks Pond / pond dipping Ecology / wildlife features Entrance arches for climbers Noticeboard Wild flowers Habitat boxes Compost area No polytunnel Maze of wild flowers No bays for woodchip etc Raised beds to break path vista up Trees, fruit trees Variety in style and planting Seating / picnic area Boundary hedges Safe and accessible Flower beds to attract wildlife Laid to lawn with seating areas Enclosed by small fence like that at CALA homes, therefore in keeping and children kept safe Rustic, natural and low maintenance No features other than flower beds and ornamental gates Fruit and veg kept to a minimum as that's what the allotment is for</p>	<p>Comments have been circulated to Landscape Architect to consider in design of gardens.</p>

<p>Cycle path</p>	<p>Garden features along path Easy to wheel a barrow along – provide a good link between the north and south gardens Flat and smooth, 3 m min width Gently winding Fencing along path would be really inconvenient to those accessing the gardens Lighting please Walking path, not cycle path Straight, most direct route Hard surfaced Cyclist prevented from crossing road without pausing Gates at entrance/exit</p>	<p>Discussions are being had with City Council Planners, County Council Highways regarding revisions to cycle path design and planning permission.</p>
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Additional Comments

Should be used by Clay Farm residents only

Establish a mission / remit

Forge links with schools, youth groups, mental health groups to support the development of the garden and having training, education and working group on the gardens.

Decision making process is unclear.

Community garden, therefore provide a variety of features for all.

Way non gardeners can become involved in the site, e.g. yoga. Range of activities for young and old.

Clarification of steering group mandate and publish previous minutes

We should not discourage non-residents of clay farm those and volunteer on the site, but the look and feel of the place must be guided by those who have to live with it.

Sense of ownership of the gardens, people able to feel like they can enjoy the space.

Artwork on the entrances, linked to what it on other areas of Clay Farm

Crossing point between gardens needs to be carefully consider for safety