

Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-30
Proposed Submission Draft Consultation Response – April 2015
Allotments

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I wish to be updated on progress of the Local Plan

Q1 This presentation relates to Chapter 10

Q2 I consider the Local Plan is unsound.

Q3 and Q4 I consider the Local Plan to be unsound in regard to its provision for allotments. Details are provided in earlier consultation responses.

The Carlisle Food City steering group has expressed support for local allotments as seen in the responses and proposed changes.

It is not Positively Prepared as it has made no recognition of the present demands on allotments or steps being made by the relevant local authorities to fulfil this demand. It has not consulted with these authorities (district and town/parish councils) or with the National Allotments Society.

It is not Justified as there is no explanation why allotments have been included in Public Open Space on the map and in the text, rather than in a policy of their own as befits trees and hedgerows and public rights of way.

Allotments are not Public Open Space – most sites only being accessible by the tenants.

It is not Effective as it does not locally strengthen the protection afforded to allotments in statute or the recommendations in the DCLG guidance for disposal.

Q5 There should be a separate policy for allotments covering the issues raised in the consultation responses. All sites should be included on the Map with a separate allotment designation.

Carlisle City Council has a draft allotments strategy and plot holders survey which would be a good starting point, though maybe outdated. Local National Allotments Society representatives would be willing to assist.

Q7 Yes I wish to participate at the hearing sessions

Q8 I wish to participate at the hearings so that I can comment on and share the experience with other volunteer regional representatives within the National Allotments Society. The position and protection of allotments in Local Plans is a national issue and needs to be more widely known and appreciated in the allotment movement.

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