



Swanmore Allotments Update

August 2020

Issue 1

Proposed Timeline

- September 2020 - Transfer of Land
- October 2020 - Install boundary fencing
- November / December 2020 - Drainage Survey
- January 2021 - March 2021 - Works completed
- April 2021 - Allotments open

Update from the Parish Council

Swanmore has been gifted an area of open space on Lower Chase Road by landowner Shaun Gray, which will hopefully provide the village with much needed allotments.

A legal agreement, called a Section 106 Agreement between the landowner, the Parish Council and Winchester City Council was drawn up and agreed by all parties. The Agreement gives ownership of the land to the Parish Council, along with detailed plans of how the allotments need to be developed.

The world of allotments is new to the Council, we intend working on your behalf and with you, to ensure that we get it right and have allotments that are fit for purpose. These updates will be bi-monthly, however you can contact the Council at any time via email clerk@swanmorepc.org.uk or telephone 01489 890651.

Initial consultation with potential allotment holders

We asked residents on the allotments waiting list what plot size would be most appropriate. This was the response:

Full size (25m x 10m)	5%
Half size (12.5m x 10m)	25%
Third size (8.3m x 10m)	50%
Half or Third size	20%

We have therefore decided to aim to offer third size plots, this way we can let as many people as possible in the village benefit from having an allotment.

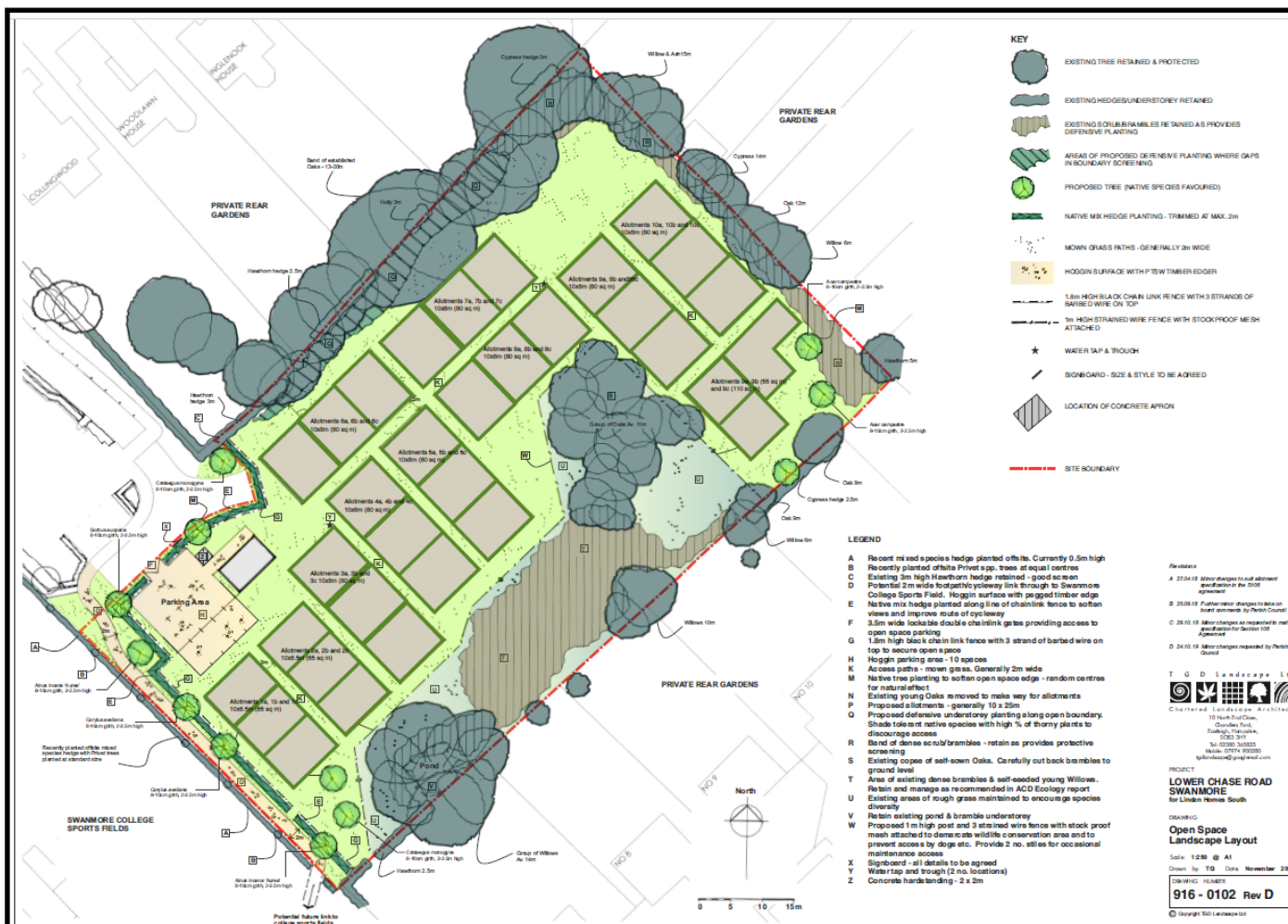
Site Drainage

Following our first site visit, concerns were raised about the drainage on the site.

We do not want to end up with a site where only half the plots are usable, and the other half flooded and of no use, so we are making further investigations.

From initial enquiries it appears we will need to have drainage surveys done in the winter months.

While we appreciate this will delay our progress, the housing development aspect of the overall site isn't due to complete until October and we can't start work until they have finished building. So we do have time on our side to make sure we get it right.



FAQs

From the consultation with potential allotment holders a number of questions have arisen, and while we don't have all the answers now, we will do our best to keep everyone up-to-date and share the information.

Are you providing a communal shed for storage of tools etc?

There is space for a communal shed, however we wanted to wait until an Association was up and running, as the allotment holders may prefer to have their own tool sheds on their plot.

What plans are there for water supply eg more than one tap?

There will be two water taps.

Will the plots be fenced off?

The plots will not be fenced off but there will be something in place to divide the plots.

Would it be possible to park a car nearby?

There is parking onsite for 10 cars.

Would it be permissible to erect a small tool shed on the plot?

We suggest that small tool sheds are erected only.

Will there provision for green waste?

We would suggest a composting area is created.

Will sheds, greenhouses or polytunnels be permitted?

We would like to work with the Allotment Association on details such as these.

What is the eligibility criteria?

Due to demand, the allotment will be for Swanmore residents only.

Will there be toilets?

Not to start with. But this is something the Allotment Association can look into.