Delivering Sustainable Food through Planning in Brighton & Hove
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- Food Policy & Politics
- Approach to Food in Planning:
  - case studies
- Food Growing PAN
- Sustainability checklist
- Next Steps

Brighton & Hove has one of the largest allotment services in the country with 36 sites and over 2,800 tenants
Food Policy & Politics

- Food Partnership
- Food Strategy 2006
- Harvest project 2008-2012

- Sustainable Community Strategy
  - support Harvest
  - increase land available for food growing

- Green Manifesto pledges
  - One Planet Living
  - encourage sale of local produce
  - protect small business from megastores
  - prevent fast food outlets near schools
  - support community land trusts
  - increase composting, collections
  - Improve allotments
  - community food production on council farms

Greens resurrect B&H One Planet Living Plan
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Core Strategy (withdrawn)

- **CP4 Healthy City**
  - Recognise, safeguard role of allotments
  - Benefits of Food growing: education; activity; healthy diet

- **CP5 Biodiversity**
  - Wildlife opportunities with food growing areas

- **CP6 Open Space**
  - Food-growing can contribute open space in new development
  - Health & community benefits of allotments & community gardens

Now drafting City Plan
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- Proliferation of planning applications with food growing element
- Encouragement from Planning

One Brighton
Roof top raised bed allotments on 6th floor.
Zero carbon, zero waste, 172 residential units.
Approved 2006, completed 2010.
Won 2009 RTPI award on Sustainable Communities category.
Varley Halls, University of Brighton.
Student Halls, conference centre, canteen.
Allotments proposed to supply canteen and potentially for student use in the future.
Approved 2010, on site 2011.
Sackville Estate, Hove:
Mixed use, 72 zero carbon residential units. Approved 2009.
Roof gardens proposed for food growing.
Falmer Academy:
New Academy complex including allotment area and fruit tree orchard, sports hall, dining hall, performance areas, adaptable teaching spaces, caretaker's flat and communal space, floodlit Multi Use Games Area, full size all weather playing pitch, educational wind turbine, energy centre incorporating renewable technologies, landscaping and temporary construction access.
Food Growing on Development Sites
Planning Advisory Note

Food PAN
Proposed by Food Matters ‘Harvest’ initiative
B&H pleased to pioneer the PAN
Draft produced by Food Matters & city council
Current consultation ends July 29th 2011

Technical Guidance
Not standards
PAN an indication of LPA aspiration
Committee September 2011
Potential adoption Autumn 2011
Intended as model for others

To view PAN:  www.foodmatters.org
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Food PAN contents
Policy Framework: national & local
Technical & Design issues
Practical considerations
  - Land, light, water, wind, soil, contaminated land, compost, access, storage
Design options
  - External landscaping rooftops, balconies, walls, raised beds, internal atriums, courtyards
  - Management of growing spaces
Resources
Case studies: local, national, international
Revised online sustainability checklist (2011) – a validation requirement

New series of ‘Food growing’ questions

‘Open Space’ section – additional allotments/community food growing areas

Allows accurate monitoring
Next Steps

- Draft City Plan: Opportunities to strengthen food growing requirements?
- Monitor food growing through Sustainability Checklist
- Stronger targets in revised City Food Strategy
- Respond positively to community groups seeking access to land
- Food Growing PAN open to consultation – adopt autumn 2011?

Hollingbury: Area of council owned agricultural land offered to community for Community Supported Agriculture project but soil found to be too thin for growing.

Thanks for listening!

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To access and comment on draft Food PAN: www.foodmatters.org