



# Delivering Sustainable Food through Planning in Brighton & Hove

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Roedale Valley Allotments, Brighton



## Food & Planning

- **Food Policy & Politics**
- **Approach to Food in Planning:**
  - **case studies**
- **Food Growing PAN**
- **Sustainability checklist**
- **Next Steps**

Moulsecomb Estate Allotments, Brighton



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



Creating the City of Opportunities  
A sustainable community strategy for the City of Brighton & Hove



Photo courtesy of Mullemore's Forest Garden

### SPADE TO SPOON: Making the Connections

A Food Strategy and Action Plan  
for Brighton and Hove  
Summer 2006



# 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

# Food & Planning

## Core Strategy (withdrawn)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





## Food & Planning

- Proliferation of planning applications with food growing element
- Encouragement from Planning

### One Brighton

Roof top raised bed allotments on 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Greenway New England Quarter:**  
Proposals for community food  
growing on the Greenway as part  
of One Brighton outreach.  
Greenway opened 2010.



## **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.



Royal Pavilion Brighton



# 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](http://www.foodmatters.org)



# **Food Growing on Development Sites**

## **Planning Advisory Note**

### **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

http://wam.brighton-hove.gov.uk/forms/sustainability.form

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Food growing

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CO2 emissions

Materials

Passive design

Greening

Water

Building standards

Technologies

Flood risk

**Food growing**

Open space

Public realm

Biodiversity

Public transport

Pedestrians

Other users

Parking

Waste

Business

Employment

Save & Return

Form Incomplete

Supporting Info

Is there provision for food growing included on the development site?

Yes  No

Raised beds	<input type="text"/>	sqm
Roof garden	<input type="text"/>	sqm
Dedicated area on ground level	<input type="text"/>	sqm
Fruit trees	<input type="text"/>	trees
Nut trees	<input type="text"/>	trees
Other, please specify	<input type="text"/>	

## Food & Planning

## Brighton & Hove Sustainability Checklist for Planning

- 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



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

## 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?



**Hedgehog Self Build, Brighton:** 10 timber frame houses. Winner 2001 Civic Trust Environment Award. Approved 1996, completed 2000. Gardens used as allotments

## Thanks for listening!

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To access and comment on draft Food PAN:  
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