Planning Sustainable Cities and Community Food Growing

*Using planning policy to meet strategic objectives through community food growing.*

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National Planning Context

What is a Healthy Community?

For active healthy lifestyles
• green open space and safe places for food growing.

Planning Practice Guidance for England 2014
Local Authority Planning Context

• Contribution to Strategic Objectives

• Local Planning Policies
How Community Food Growing Contributes to Local Strategic Objectives

• Sustainability
• Green Infrastructure
• Health
• Economy
• Regeneration
• Design and Amenity

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Local Planning Role

• Local Plan Making
• Neighbourhood and Area Planning
• Publishing Planning Guidance
Writing Planning Policies to Support Community Food Growing

- Spatial Vision
- Strategic Policy
- Development Management Policy
- Guidance
- Implementation
- Monitoring
Spatial Vision

Education, Skills and Enterprise

“Opportunities to use the Borough's countryside and urban open space for local food production and as a source of low-carbon (biomass) fuel will be taken advantage of.”

Stockport Core Strategy (2011)
Strategic Policy

Climate Change

“The Council will: **require** development to incorporate measures that will contribute to on-site sustainable food production commensurate with the scale of development”

Kensington & Chelsea Core Strategy 2010

SuDS in Schools
Development Management Policy

Green Infrastructure

“All new residential development should be designed and located to facilitate opportunities for local food growing.”

Bristol Site Allocations & Development Management
DPD 2014

New development, Swindon
Publish Guidance

Sustainability

• Ensure size of gardens allows for multiple uses, including for growing food.

• In urban developments provision of plazas, allotment areas, courtyards and green/brown roofs to help to reduce the urban heat island and provide a mosaic of habitats for wildlife.

Leicester City Climate Change SPD 2011

Roof Garden, Reading
Implementation

Regeneration

• Section 106 planning obligations will be sought to provide ....
  • local food production and growing

Lambeth Local Plan 2015

Meanwhile garden, Hastings
Evidence

Health & Wellbeing

• Belfast Healthy City - Growing Communities Strategy

Community Kitchen Garden,
North Kensington
## Monitoring

### Green Infrastructure

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<th>The outcomes that we want</th>
<th>The indicators we will use to monitor the desired outcomes</th>
<th>The targets for the outcomes</th>
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<td>Enhanced allotments, community gardens, and woodland</td>
<td>New growing spaces provided per year (including new allotment plots and growing areas provided in new development)</td>
<td>All residents to be within 15 minute walk time of good quality provision (Minimum site sizes: 0.4ha or 0.025ha per plot)</td>
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<td>Increases in local food growing, tree planting and forestry</td>
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<td>Total of 198.65ha required over the plan period</td>
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Croydon Council monitoring framework

Productive Landscapes Policy

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Recommendations

- Protect
- Support
- Encourage
- Require

Holland Street Garden, Miles Platting, Manchester
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