



UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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**To: All Allotment Holders
Leicester Road & Tod's Piece**

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Dear Allotment Holder

Last Autumn when I issued the renewals I wrote to advise that Uppingham Town Council would be looking at some changes in relation to the allotments and I was asked to write back out to you at the beginning of March to get some views and feedback.

These changes revolved around:

1. Bringing the allotment agreement up to date we issue and including in them some rules for running an allotment at our two sites
2. Moving to a higher charge for the allotments over the next 5 years with a commitment to reinvest at least 50% of the annual revenue from allotment rents back into both sites – improvements you'd like to see.

The allotment agreement will not change much, but will have the new rules for running an allotment incorporated within them and we'll ask you to sign and return them with your payment this September coming. I enclose the draft rules which we would like you to observe now and give us any feedback on how practical these are so I can make any tweaks necessary before formally adopting them in September 2016. Bonfires remain a potential issue with adjoining properties and I hope that the suggested approach works for homeowners and you.

Allotment charges haven't altered much and I'm keen to see some progression to a figure somewhere in the order of £50 per annum by 2021 or roughly a £1/week. It would be unfair to move to this level any sooner and I'm keen to find out your views on the best way to get there, as well as your opinion on that target figure. At the same time I'd like your views on improvements you would like to see over the next 2/3 years so I can add these to a plan and get them costed.

To help get your thoughts, please either complete the enclosed survey and return it to the Town Hall or go to our website for the online version – www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk If you have any questions in the meantime or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Neil Wedge (Town Clerk)

