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Caroline

COMMUNITY GARDENS & ALLOTMENTS (SHEETS 1 2 OF 2)

Is the post and wire fence is secure enough. What about break-ins of allotment sheds, etc.  A crimped steel wire mesh fence and gates (powder coated black to visually recede)  would be more appropriate for security and while the hedge gets established. I was unable to find the fencing drawing 14790/5608.

There are no paths between the micro beds to connect them to the sheds and the allotment exits. The areas between the micro bed will get very muddy.

These is limited space for the delivery of manure mounds and other materials, unless the holders are going to be doing their own smaller delivery loads.

The shade cast  onto the micro beds by the retained hedgerows will reduce growth rates may encourage allotment users to severely cut down or remove the hedgerow, which will reduce the screening and amenity functions.  I suggest a minimum maintenance height for the hedgerow above ground level to be clarified and the micro bed layaout to be revised to avoid as much shade impact as possible. This mainly applies on Community Gardens 4 and  5.

Regards

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