

## **Elmsbrook Grow Beds (EGB's) – How they will be allocated**



Thank you for expressing an interest in our Grow Beds

Our Grow Beds are designed to allow residents to build up their skills and enthusiasm for growing their own food and at the same time to encourage a healthier life style.

If you've never grown anything before and simply want to have a go, or have done some growing but don't feel ready for a full sized allotment, then our Grow Beds could be for you...

### **Who can apply?**

- Anyone who lives on Elmsbrook eco town (OX27) can apply
- You must not be in breach of your Tenancy Conditions or the Estate Regulations
- If you are under 18 you can apply but you will need to have a parent or guardian who will sign the EGB agreement on your behalf and be responsible for ensuring that you keep to the ground rules.

### **How much does it cost?**

We are offering the beds free of charge for the first year so that we can monitor uptake, assess progress and use the feedback we receive from residents and our Elmsbrook Gardening Group (EGG) to develop a management plan for the future.

### **Who will get priority?**

- Residents who live in a flat and don't have their own garden or an allotment elsewhere will be given priority.
- EGB's will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
- Where there is a tie, applicants will be drawn from a hat by the Chair of our Elmsbrook Gardening Group).
- Only one plot will be allocated per household initially. (This will be reviewed subject to supply and demand).

### **How will Grow Beds be allocated?**

Although we ask you to tell us what size bed you prefer, you won't be able to choose your individual bed. These will be allocated in consultation with EGG. A waiting list will be maintained by A2Dominion for Grow Beds once all plots have been allocated.

### **What do you need to commit to?**

- Keeping to the Grow Bed ground rules
- Supporting Elmsbrook Gardening group and working with the community to encourage a healthier lifestyle.
- Providing feedback, when requested, to A2D about the management of the Grow Beds

### **What happens if you don't keep to the Grow Bed ground rules?**

We want to offer you as much support as we can to grow your own fruit and vegetables. Elmsbrook Gardening Group will be on hand to offer you support and advice. If however you aren't actively maintaining the beds in line with the ground rules, you will be asked to give up the Grow Bed so that it can be offered to someone else on the waiting list.

## **Monitoring and reviewing the Grow Beds**

Over the first year we will be monitoring the use and demand for beds and consulting with you and EGG about developing a management plan for the future. This could mean that in the future we will make a charge to cover the costs of maintaining the Beds. We will keep you informed of any changes that are planned and give you as much notice as possible.

**If you think you could benefit from a Grow Bed and would like to apply for one, please complete the EGB application form and return it to the Community House, 1 Bramley Avenue, Elmsbrook. OX27 8BA**