



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL – GREEN CORRIDOR LAND

This paper summarises the commitments that Wellington Town Council is prepared to make in relation to the ongoing management of the Green Corridor Land as part of a 150 year lease with Somerset West and Taunton Council and its successor authority.

- It will ensure that the land remains available for public use and use it to promote recreation, healthy lifestyles, local food growing (see below) and the development of arts and cultural spaces.
- It will ensure that the land is maintained in a way that promotes biodiversity whilst ensuring the health and safety of those accessing it.
- It will honour existing agreements and licences with community groups to carry out work on those areas of land covered by any agreement.
- It will consult with the community and community groups to seek views on how to make best use of the land
- It will work with the Wellington Community Food Group which is seeking to establish a Community Farm on the land
- It will seek to extend the existing Basins Allotments site to create more allotments to encourage greater self-sufficiency in food production and support the reduction of the town's carbon footprint.
- It will work with the Wellington Sports Federation to explore the possibilities of developing additional playing pitch capacity on the land
- It will seek to improve active travel options across the land linking Tonedale and Westford with The Basins and through to Rockwell Green by developing an infrastructure that promotes walking and cycling and is accessible to all irrespective of any mobility issues they may have.
- It will use the land to enhance biodiversity and reduce the towns carbon footprint through planting more trees and wildflower meadows to sequester carbon and create a more biodiverse and resilient environment. This will also help with natural flood management and healthier soil.
- It will increase the amount of viable habitat for wildlife in the area helping natural ecosystems to thrive.

To enable this work to be developed and delivered the Town Council will allocate at least £20,000 per annum for the first 5 Year Management Plan to enable work to be done directly but also to support applications for grant funding. This amount will be reviewed for the second Five Year Management Plan commencing in the 2027/8 Financial Year. This amount has already been included in the 2022/3 budget in anticipation of costs associated with the acquisition of the land.

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