



Community Garden Site Assessment January 2014

Proposed Community Garden Name _____

Site Name (if applicable): _____

Site Address: _____

Council Information

1. Site Lot and DP: _____

2. What is the land zoned as? Is this zoning consistent with a community garden?

3. Are there any easements (ie shared driveway)

4. Is there a plan of management for the proposed site? If yes, what reference does it make to community gardening or similar?

5. What is the zoning of the adjoining land and how would that impact the community garden?

6. What has the proposed site been used for over the last 50 years? Would it's past use have any impact on the a community garden?



7. How does this community garden compliment the Council's Community Plan, Social Plan and Hornsby 2020 strategy?

Current use & Local Community

1. Describe the current use of the proposed site and surrounds? Include the type of housing, commercial or industry in the area.

2. What structures and services (water, power) are on site? Describe if and how the community garden would make use of them.

3. What parking is currently available? What impact would a community garden have on the existing parking?

4. What public transport can be used to get the proposed site? How regular are the services?

5. List local preschools, primary and high schools as well as retirement villiages or other community groups that are within walking distance of the proposed site.

6. List any regular activities (school use, sporting or recreational groups, and annual events etc)

7. List evidence of vandalism, graffiti or misuse of the area



8. What community consultation has been undertaken?

9. Detail any community meetings, letters, petitions or similar about community gardens or the use of the proposed site. **Please attach**

Environment

What is the total proposed size? _____

SLOPE – is the site on a slope, if yes, what works will be undertaken to minimise water and nutrient run off

SUN - please list the approx. amount of sun coverage of the area (ie 80% coverage) at 9am, 12pm and 3pm (list any winter or summer differences ie deciduous trees and sun angles), is there plans for planting trees?

WIND – are there any prevailing winds, does any of the surrounding vegetation indicate high wind activity, did you want to plant wind breaks?

WATER – list current water sources, potential use and their accessibility, detail any proposed water collection, does stormwater pool onsite and how would this affect the community garden?



SOIL – describe the soil, list the Ph taken from several areas of the proposed site, describe any known infill or transferred materials to the site, will raised garden beds be used?

FROST – Identify frost pockets (the lowest point where frost may settle), is there plans for any fruit or vegetables that require chilling?

NOISE – list the types of noise likely to be experienced by community garden users and the expected amount of noise created

Photos and Maps

Please attach photos and a map;

1. Include photos that show
 - the proposed site in context of its settings
 - the neighbours view looking back to the site (if possible)
2. Include a map (hand drawn is fine) of the proposed layout;
 - garden beds,
 - fruit trees
 - trellis and framework
 - fencing
 - compost and worm farms
 - water
 - walkways
 - tool and material storage
 - sheds



REVIEW

To complete your submission, please ensure you have the following forms and attachments;

Community Gardens Site Assessment

- Photos
- Map

Community Gardens Checklist

- Community Garden Animal Submission Form (if applicable)
- Set Up Costs
- Grant/donation confirmation
- Public Liability
- Copy of Recruitment info
- Registration Form (if applicable)
- Safety Documents