

Mr Ray Lane  
Clerk to the Town Council  
The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore St, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 6JX

Dear Ray,

Saltash Environmental Action (SEA), or more specifically its subcommittee Saltash Wildlife, would like to apply to manage part of the land adjacent to Grenfell Avenue, subject to agreement with Saltash Town Council, for a suitable time such as the next 20 years. We refer to the part not currently used as allotment.

Saltash Wildlife's intentions would be to convert the site into carbon-sequestering zone by planting small native trees providing food sources and habitats for birds and insects. We have thought about making it an accessible 'garden' but the infestation of brambles is a major problem, and dealing with them will use up most of our resources.

Public would have access at all times into the heart of this 'shade space', which will provide an opportunity to get closer to nature and to cool down in summer. We shall liaise with local residents and the current single allotment holder; we shall carefully consider their interests (such as: access to the allotment; and avoiding casting shade over growing space, or the adjacent house); we shall welcome their involvement and consider any suggestions they may have. We also hope to liaise with Burraton Community Primary School as they may wish to be involved with tree planting activities. And they may find it useful for educative purposes as the trees mature. We do not plan to install benches or other structures that could be a potential risk to the public.

We would like to raise the following questions:

1. We know there is a waiting list for allotments in Saltash, and we fully support the Council's provision of allotments. Therefore we would wish to avoid any ill-feeling from those on the waiting list possibly claiming that we have 'taken over' from them; can the Council find a way to avoid this happening?
2. Can the Council undertake to continue maintaining the fence and hedge surrounding the land, as that is beyond our resources?
3. We guess that the land is covered by the Council's public liability insurance and that this would continue. Can the Council inform us of any particular conditions that we need to be aware of?
4. Are the Council aware of any constraints on the land, we are thinking in particular of a) services crossing it, or b) history of dumping waste that might include toxic waste?

We look forward to hearing from you in due course. If you want clarification, you could contact us directly or via Sarah Martin or Julia Peggs.

Yours sincerely

SEA