

62.2 *The Committee highlighted previous discussions on the possibility of using wasteland for allotment space and offenders on the Community Payback scheme to work on those spaces. The feasibility of this would be investigated and reported back to the Committee.*

Response by Alex Fraser - Arboricultural and Allotments Manager:

My response may not satisfy the Cllrs original enquiry, which I believe was aimed at Urban Environment and other council services or private individuals that have unused land.

I can only provide a response from the view of the Parks Service who manage existing allotments.

At present, we are not actively looking for land to create new allotments. Our priorities are to return any disused allotment sites back into use and make infrastructure improvements to existing sites.

We have re-opened two previously disused sites this year. 28 new plots were created at Risley Avenue, N17, and 22 at Gospatrick Road, N17.

13 overgrown plots were also cleared and brought back to use at Courtman Road, N17.

We are also in the process of re-opening a third site, at Salisbury Road, N22. 16 new plots have been created, one of which is a community plot to be used by the Wood Green Gardening Club.

The Community Payback team has assisted in the clearance works.

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