

Fact Sheet

Project allotment Supplementary advice

Legal procedures for complementary uses on allotment sites

Section 27 (5) of the 1908 Small Holdings and Allotments Act provides for the temporary use of allotment land, if it cannot be let as allotments.

When Project Allotment was compiled the actual demand for allotments was very low, with spaces on some allotment sites for temporary uses as described in Project Allotment.

Allotments are now in very high demand. Most allotment sites are full with very long waiting lists.

You may find that the allotments authority is unable to permit you to use allotments for temporary use, because allotment land is being used for providing allotments with waiting lists in place.

If you are planning to carry out temporary uses on allotment sites, you should consider the following:

- Consult your allotment authority in advance before putting your plans into action.



- Take professional legal advice. The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) can provide free legal advice to members.
- Council Allotments Officers responsible for provision and management of allotments: you may wish to consult your council's legal team and NSALG when considering applications for temporary uses for allotment sites you are responsible for.

