

ALLOTMENTS WITHIN THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

GUIDELINES FOR SHEDS AND GREENHOUSES ON ALLOTMENT SITES

On allotment sites that are self managed, the appropriate Allotment Association may grant permission for a single shed and greenhouse on all full, or half size plots, on the following conditions:

1. The plot holder will obtain, if necessary and at the plot holder's own expense, planning and any other relevant consents before a shed or greenhouse is erected.
2. The siting of sheds and greenhouses on individual plots is to be considered carefully so as to avoid causing any nuisance or disturbance to adjoining residential properties and to ensure that accessways are not blocked or made more difficult to use.
3. No trees are to be lopped or removed in order to accommodate a shed or greenhouse.
4. The Association will, so far as possible, seek to achieve consistency in the design, size and appearance of all sheds and greenhouses erected at a site.
5. At the end of the lease of an allotment site, all sheds and greenhouses will, if required by the Council, be removed from the site and the land reinstated to its former condition.
6. The Association will indemnify the Council against all claims which might arise in connection with the construction and use of sheds and greenhouses.
7. If the Council receives any complaints regarding the position or use of a shed or greenhouse, it may, after making an inspection and discussing the matter with all interested parties, require the shed or greenhouse to be removed.
8. Sheds and/or greenhouses shall:
 - (a) be no larger than 8 feet by 6 feet by 7 feet 6 inches high (or approximate metric equivalent);
 - (b) be of a pitched roof type for greenhouses, and of a pitched roof or pent roof type for sheds;
 - (c) be erected in a workmanlike manner using new, good and sound materials;
 - (d) be generally in accordance with the following:
 - (i) sheds to be timber framed, the external covering to be weather boarding or tongued and grooved boarding securely fixed to the framework and laid on a suitable foundation, the roof to be similarly framed with adequate boarding securely fixed and covered with appropriately fixed roofing felt;
 - (ii) doors and windows to sheds to be properly framed with doors being at least ledged and braced and fitted with suitable locks;
 - (iii) greenhouses to be constructed of timber or aluminium, of a proprietary brand, laid on a suitable foundation, appropriately glazed and with doors fitted with a suitable lock;
 - (iv) be kept in good repair and condition.