

Stockport Council is looking for land to build housing

A consultant will produce an Open Space Study, to be completed by April 2016. This is an audit of the provision of open space, sport and recreational facilities, including allotments. It will be looking at deficiencies, but also surpluses

in current provision. Site visits are likely, so it's vital that:

- all allotments are well managed - all plots are let & cultivation standards are good
- the site is well used by as many people & community groups as possible
- the general public is made aware of the benefits of allotments to the neighbourhood & the environment
- there is local information and advertising about allotments. Hopefully this has improved since the last audit in 2005, with more sites holding open days and with information on Allotments Stockport website & Facebook.
- we have long waiting lists to reflect the high level of demand. No site should close their waiting list, even if demand is high. We don't want any chance of the consultant finding a surplus of allotments!

Some sites are already getting working parties together and making contact with their local community. Please send your articles, adverts and photos to put on the Website.



Plus

The **Greater Manchester Spatial Framework** is a report by the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities, including Stockport, to plan for housing and business development to 2035 for the *Northern Powerhouse*. Economic growth is anticipated for Greater Manchester, meaning higher levels of employment and a greater demand for housing - up to 16,000 new homes will be needed yearly. Allotments Stockport is joining other NAS Greater Manchester allotment groups to make a joint response to GMSF, not only to safeguard our current allotments from housing and commercial development, but also to try and ensure the provision of new allotment sites with the new housing developments, to meet the criteria of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Check your green spaces

To see a map of land already identified to build on, follow the link below and take part in this consultation finishing 11 January 2016

<http://mappinggm.org.uk/call-for-sites/development-sites.htm>
- confirm you accept the terms
- click "View the map"
- click "future housing land supply", "2014-2035" to see all
- click the zoom with the + and drag to the area you want to check. Make a square around the area
- click on any shaded areas to see the plan for that area
- click on the box to send your comment (Don't forget your name and contact details)

- They plan to build 41 houses and apartments on part of Barnfield Rd East allotments - no planning permission yet
- They plan to build 33 houses on Cuddington Crescent Community Orchard - no planning permission yet
- Are there any other allotments where housing is planned?

