

## Update on Accessible Allotment Project (29.11.2022)

Further work has been taking place with regard to the development of accessible allotments at Pengover Road and Trevethan Meadow.

The Facilities Manager met access and inclusive design consultant Jamie Hanlon from Enable Disability to discuss projects at Thorn Park, Pengover Road allotments and the proposed new allotment site at Trevethan Meadows.

At Trevethan Meadows Jamie has suggested reducing the overall number of allotments from the proposed 16 to 14 as a standard sized accessible allotment will have roughly double the footprint of a non-accessible plot. It was also suggested that a 'communal' plot would have advantages over a single plot allocated to just one person. This would mean having adaptations suitable for a wide range of users e.g. raised beds at different heights. He also suggested facilities such as a toilet and handwashing would be important. The Pengover site would be more challenging, but the same principles would apply.

A follow-up meeting was held with Cllrs Lee-Julian and Ambler on 11 November to discuss the next steps. The proposal is to engage Enable Disability for 1-days consultancy to visit both the Pengover and Trevethan Meadows sites and to provide recommendations with regard to inclusive, accessible design that meets the relevant standards and to cover costs of design, printing, etc. Total cost **£1,000.00** to be vired from the Castle Park budget.

It is also proposed that we use Enable Disability for 0.5 days consultancy at Thorn Park to advise on the provision of gates, pathways, benches, signage and play equipment. Total cost **£320.00 + VAT** to be taken from the King George V Playing Fields Trust.