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The tenant of an allotment garden shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) Keep the allotment garden clean, in good condition and in a good state of cultivation and fertility.
- (2) Not cause any nuisance or annoyance to any person, or cut into or obstruct any path set out by the Council for the use of the occupiers of the allotment gardens.
- (3) Not underlet, assign or part with the possession of the allotment garden or any part of it without the written consent of the Council.
- (4) Not, without the written consent of the Council, cut or prune any timber or other trees, except trees on the allotment garden, or take, sell or carry away any mineral, gravel, sand or clay.
- (5) Keep any pathway or hedge included in the allotment garden or abutting thereon or, in the case of any pathway or hedge abutting on the allotment garden on any other allotment garden or gardens, the half width thereof, in a neat and tidy condition.
- (6) Not, without the written consent of the Council, erect any building on the allotment garden, providing that consent shall not be refused under this sub-paragraph to the erection of any buildings reasonably necessary for the purpose of keeping hens or rabbits. Consent shall not be given for the erection of a tool shed when sheds are/a shed is already provided whether on or off the allotment garden.
- (7) Not use barbed wire for a fence adjoining any path set out by the Council for the use of the occupiers of the allotment gardens.
- (8) As regards the allotment garden, observe and perform all conditions and covenants contained in the lease (if any) under which the Council hold the land.

(9) Observe and perform any other special condition which the Council consider necessary to preserve the allotment garden from deterioration, and of which notice to applicants for the allotment garden is given in accordance with these Rules, provided no special condition made under this paragraph shall have the effect of prohibiting or restricting the keeping of hens or rabbits.

(10) Not use more than one quarter of the area of the allotment garden for the purpose of growing flower roots.

(11) Not connect a hose pipe to the water taps provided.

(12) Not take a dog on to the allotment garden unless such dog is on a leash and under proper control.

(13) Not plant or permit to be planted on the allotment garden any bush at a distance of less than 6 feet from any boundary of any adjoining allotment garden.

(14) Except with the consent of the Council he/she shall not keep on the allotment garden any tree of a height exceeding 10 feet.

## 8. Payment of Rent

(1) The yearly rent shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing, be paid on the first day of October in each year except that where the yearly rent exceeds One Pound twenty-five pence not more than one quarter's rent shall be required to be paid in advance.

(2) The Council may from time to time vary the amount to be paid by way of rent (the 'new rent') and shall give the tenant not less than twelve months' written notice of such variation expiring 30 September.

(3) The tenant shall be deemed to accept the new rent unless he notifies the Council in writing within 28 days of receipt of the said notice that he does not accept the new rent and intends to give up possession of the holding to the Council on or before 1 October being the date when the new rent becomes payable.

## Notes for Allotment Tenants

### Use of Mains Water

Almost all allotment estates are now provided with mains water from taps or tanks. The supply is metered and the Council is charged for water consumed, but allotment rents do not allow for unlimited consumption by tenants. You are asked to assist in the conservation of water and reduction of costs by exercising economy. Hoses may in no circumstances be used, either attached to taps or for siphoning from tanks, and leaks should be reported to the Parks Services as soon as possible.

### Disposal of Allotment Rubbish

As much garden refuse as possible should be disposed by the tenant on his/her plot. The recommended method of disposal is:

**Composting.** This should be the first choice for all vegetable matter. Advice on construction of compost heaps may be obtained from any good gardening book or from local allotment societies.

Some allotment estates have rubbish bays for the disposal of rubbish which cannot be composted. Please do not use these bays for any other purpose especially disposal of household refuse.

Dumping of rubbish on vacant plots, or in hedges, on paths and communal areas is forbidden.

### Plot Dimensions

You will note that the area of a plot is quoted in rods (or square rods). A square rod contains 30¼ square yards or 272¼ square feet. A standard 10-rod plot, therefore, contains approximately, 2,700 square feet and a standard 5-rod plot 1,350 square feet.

Plot dimensions are inclusive of paths between adjacent plots but are exclusive of allotment roadways. The dimensions and location of paths between adjacent plots is a matter for agreement between neighbouring tenants.

Please note the provisions in rule 7(c) regarding obstruction of paths. Cutting into Council paths and other forms of encroachment are considered to be obstructions.

### Allotment and Garden Societies

Allotment and Garden Societies are available at a selection of allotments in the Borough, through the Federation of Borough of Hounslow Allotment and Garden Societies they represent tenants' interests.

Membership of Allotment and Garden Societies is recommended to all tenants and carries considerable benefit. All Societies have trading facilities for the supply of gardening requisites to members.