

SRAA Case for Expanded Entitlement to SRAA Allotments

1. **Background.** SRAA allotments should only be allocated to Alderbury Parish residents, as Alderbury PC (APC) is the Licensee. This principle is recognised within the SRAA Constitution, produced retrospectively but including this mandatory qualification. However, non-Alderbury residents were offered tenancies in 2012, when APC vetted the first applications.
2. **Demand & Supply.** The twenty-six plots have been tenanted since 2012, with less than seven vacant at any time. Advertising and word-of-mouth recommendations have normally generated bids, and vacant plots are filled normally within a few weeks. In Sep 24, all plots were occupied, but for several reasons not all were renewed in Oct, six were untenanted. Since then, one has a new tenant and one plot has been earmarked for the new access route, assuming FL(A)'s planning application is approved. Advertising for the four vacant plots has produced two new applicants, one of whom will not qualify, as he lives in West Grimstead (WG).
3. **Surrounding Villages.** The SRAA Committee has looked at the issue arising from this latest application, and believes that a variation of the rule should be applied. Taking the example of WG, it has no allotments, it shares many aspects of Alderbury's infrastructure: primary school, Green Dragon, shops etc; there is therefore a strong link to the area. WG is closer to Alderbury than it is to Farley or Pitton.
4. **Recommendation for a Change to the SRAA Constitution (Extract Below).**
 - a. Currently:
Eligibility For & Purpose of the Allotments
"3. Tenants must be resident in the Parish of Alderbury; if they move, they lose the right to have an allotment and must hand it back to the SRAA for reallocation."
 - b. Recommendation:
"3. Priority will be given to new applicants who live within the Parish of Alderbury; applicants who live in neighbouring parishes will be added to the waiting list, but with a lower priority. If tenants move out of the area, they lose the right to have an allotment and must hand it back to the SRAA for reallocation."
5. If approved, this will ensure Alderbury Parish residents' priority, but open out vacancies to our near-neighbours. By allocating plots more quickly, there will be less time between occupants, reducing the deterioration which leads to less attractive conditions and consequent harder re-tenanting.
6. APC is asked to consider this change, which if approved will result in a modified SRAA Constitution.