

**Application for keeping bees on allotment plot**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

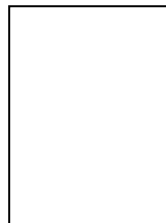
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allotment Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for permission to have hives on the above-mentioned plot and I agree to comply with the Council's terms and conditions set out below.

I would like to have bees on the above-mentioned plot  Number of hives: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the intended position of the hives on the sketch below:



**1. Consent:**

Bees shall not be kept on allotments unless and until the allotment holder has submitted a request in writing to keep bees on the plot to the Allotments Officer, and that request has been consented to by the Allotments Officer. Any such application shall include a plan of the site identifying the position of the hive(s). Consent will only be given for a maximum of three hives on any plot and only then after proof of one year's experience in beekeeping, requests for additional hives may be considered after two years. The Council reserve the right to issue 28 days' notice for removal of hives.

**2. Duty of Care:**

The beekeeper owes a Duty of Care to:

- the public in the vicinity of the hive/s.
- other allotment gardeners and staff working in the vicinity.
- intruders even though their intention was to disturb the colony.

**3. Siting of Hives:**

Hives should be sited as far as possible from any public road, path or jointly used road or paths within the allotment site, the flight path should also reflect this.

**4. Consultation:**

The beekeeper should inform verbally and by a prominently displayed notice, on the plot, notifying neighbouring allotment gardeners of the request to keep bees on the allotment, and prominently display a notice for at least a period of 28 days during the growing season (6 April to 29 September) and 56 days at other times indicating that a request to keep bees has been submitted to the Allotments Officer.

**5. Stand By:**

The beekeeper must provide the Council with details (name, address, telephone number) of adequate stand by arrangements to deal with emergencies such as swarming or vandalism during any absence or unavailability of the beekeeper. These details must also be prominently displayed by notice on the holder's allotment plot.

**6. Swarm Control:**

The beekeeper should practice methods of swarm control and carry out regular inspections for signs of swarming and take appropriate steps. The Beekeeper should also be aware of the temper of the bees and if they are unnecessarily aggressive, they should be requeened with a queen from a reputable supplier of docile strains.

**7. Manipulations**

The beekeeper will be considerate when carrying out manipulations and will not carry them out when there are others nearby or when there are likely to be others nearby before the bees have again settled having been disturbed.

**8. Complaints:**

The Council will investigate any complaints and those with health and nuisance elements and in consequence may withdraw the permission pursuant to the right reserved in clause 1 above.

**9. Insurance:**

The beekeeper is required to hold current insurance which provides specifically for Beekeeping Risks and includes Public Liability and annually provide the Allotments Officer with copies.

**10. Diseases:**

If the beekeeper suspects his/her bees are diseased they must inform the National Bee Unit who will arrange for an inspector to assess the bees.

**11. Notices:**

The beekeeper may erect notices warning of the presence of bees but must agree the size, wording, and locations with the Allotments Officer.

**12. Sale of Honey:**

The beekeeper will not display notices that honey is available for sale on the allotment site or garden.

**13. Review:**

The council may review the arrangements and the permissions granted as required.

**Stand by arrangements details:**

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Full postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by the said ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Council's Officer

Signed by the said ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant

Signed by the said ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact