

Design and Access Statement for

The Erection of a Poly Tunnel at Brick Terrace Ardsley, Barnsley

Background

Brick Terrace allotments are owned and managed by Barnsley MBC. The allotments are leased out to members of the public and a newly created community garden will be made available for local groups and residents to use to grow vegetables and fruit. However in recent years this allotment site has been targeted by vandals, damage includes sheds being burnt and vegetables and chickens being stolen.

Groundwork Dearne Valley is working in partnership with BMBC and NHS Barnsley on a project to improve allotments sites across the borough. Brick Terrace at Ardsley is the fourth site to be improved. Work will include installing perimeter fencing and creating a community garden with lots of small plots providing more opportunity for local residents and groups to grow vegetables. It is planned to have a poly tunnel in the community allotment garden (please see the attached plan) so that seeds can be started indoors. Any access tracks onto the allotment will remain accessible by the installation of gates.

A meeting has been held on site with Groundwork Dearne Valley's Allotment Project Officer and James Hide BMBC. It was decided that planning permission would be required for the fencing and a container, which has been approved. This application is for the erection of a poly tunnel.

Any machinery needed for the work will be stored in a secure container, and where possible any materials taken off site will be recycled. There will be no skips on site and any rubbish or green waste which is not the correct size for chipping will be taken off site with a grab lorry.

Prior to any work taking place a consultation event will be held by Groundwork Dearne Valley so that local residents and land owners can voice their opinion and views about the proposed work.