

15/3/2021

Dear Residents,

Re: Proposed new Community Garden & Composting Scheme – Behind The Octagon

I am writing to you about the prospect of having a community garden which would include a composting facility within (see overleaf). This location has been chosen to provide a shared community space for all with accessibility in mind, being that it is located away from both residential and commercial premises.

How does the composting work?

The set of bins (max 3-4) are delivered with locks on the lids. The bin that is currently in use will have a code lock, with a 4 digit code that is shared with scheme members when residents sign up. It's free to join and members get given a kitchen caddy to collect food waste. The scheme has two volunteer 'compost monitors' who help to take care of it, swap the locks around when one bin gets full and report any maintenance needs to the Food Partnership who will fix any repairs etc. The bins are made from reclaimed wood and are sturdy and resistant to rodents. All uncooked food waste can be put in there, fruit and veg peelings, coffee grounds and tea bags. Members and monitors are given full training and instructions on how to use them. Once the food has broken down into compost, members get offered it first to use on their gardens, allotments, house plants etc. Anything that's left can be used in the potential community gardens on site or spread under local plants, trees and shrubs. The scheme is run in partnership with Brighton and Hove City Council. The landlord of the proposed site has given their permission for the bins to be on their land.

Can I join the scheme/express my support?

Yes! To express your support or register your interest to join the scheme, please email the Food Partnership on compost@bhfood.org.uk.

What if I have questions or reservations?

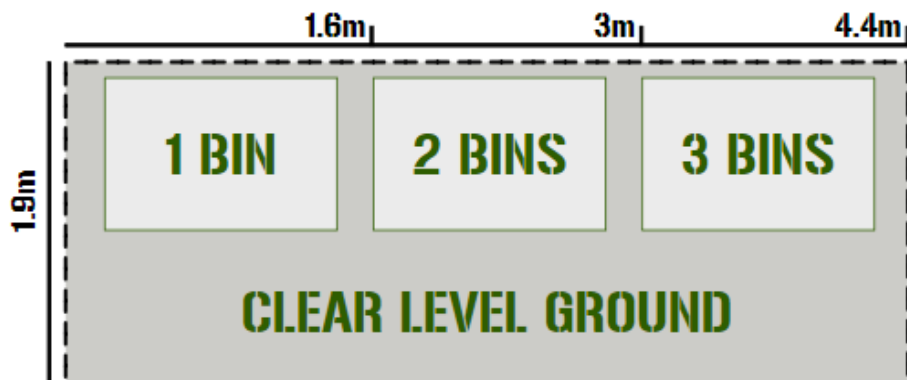
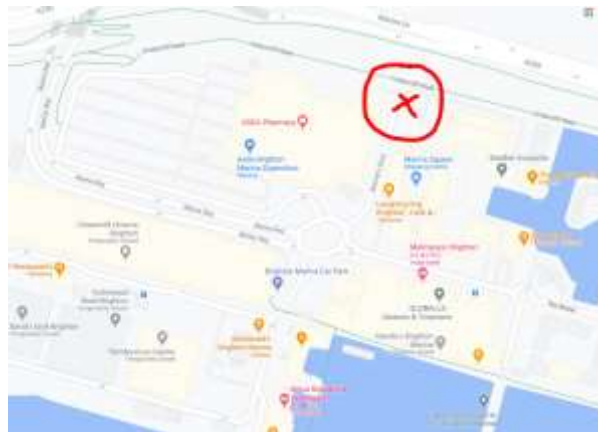
Many of the frequently asked questions (and our strategies for dealing with rats, smells and flies etc.) can be found on our website:

<https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/community-composting-troubleshooting-and-faq/>

If you have any further questions, reservations or concerns that aren't covered online, please contact The Food Partnership by emailing compost@bhfood.org.uk or 01273 234810. **Please do so by 19th April 2021.** The Food Partnership have over 40 successful schemes across the city with over 1000 households contributing to reducing their carbon footprint and turning their food waste into a valuable resource. We're confident we can support residents of the Marina to do the same.

How is my feedback used and who makes the final decision?

The Food Partnership will gather responses to this proposal to share with the Marina land owner who will make a final decision based on a balanced assessment of feedback.



Kind Regards,

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