

SIB Funding application summary

Revised SIB Application

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Wild Patch
Lead Organisation	Red Machine Allotments

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£39,632	£24,932	£14,700
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
18 months	Feb 2013	August 2014

The Project

The aim of the project is to improve and upgrade the allotment site and offer opportunity for community engagement, education and participation beyond individuals who currently have an allotments site.

The project would aim to improve and upgrade the internal fencing currently this is made of assorted materials in various stages of repair and transform three unusable vacant plots that have been historically susceptible to flooding.

The three vacant plots will be transformed into a wetland area, with a pond in the middle to direct water into this area and reduce flooding elsewhere. This will assist in the creation of a haven of biodiversity including habitats for amphibians, invertebrates as well as encouraging other animals to the area. The remainder of the area will be transformed into a heritage orchard and place created for beehives with accessible pathways and seating to encourage community use.

Red Machine Allotment Association in partnership with Groundwork will work to engage local residents, schools and community groups in the creation, delivery, maintenance and use of the site, supporting the building of a user group who will oversee the maintenance and access of the garden.

The Need for the Project

The need for this project arose from a discussion between the RMAA and Groundwork. The Association has had dialogue with Sunderland City Council about the flooding and drainage issues. The City Council agreed to investigate further and recommended a range of solutions that both parties believed were prohibitively expensive. Groundwork was looking to work with an allotment site in the West of the City as a community garden and this site offered the best option.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1
A2	Number of people using new or improved community facilities	90
A6	Number of community or educational events held	3

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Achievement of match funding	January 2013
Commence work on fencing and community garden	February 2013
Fencing work completed	March 2013

Community Garden completed	May 2013
Community engagement commences	March 2013

Recommendation: Approve

Approve the reduction in match funding required to complete the project. The project continues to meet the West Local Area priority of Environment and Street Scene improvements.