

## ROEHAMPTON GARDEN SOCIETY

### STRUCTURES POLICY

**PLEASE USE THE RGS FORMS TO OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION FOR ALL NEW AND/OR REPLACEMENT SHEDS HIGHER THAN 4' (1.25m) AND ALL NEW AND/OR REPLACEMENT GREENHOUSES AND POLYTUNNELS BEFORE ANY ARE PURCHASED AND PUT IN PLACE:**

- **See Form: "Permission for Erecting a Shed or Storage Structure"**
- **See Form: "Permission for Erecting a Greenhouse or Polyunnel"**

**NOTE:**

60% OF LAND MUST BE RETAINED AS **OPEN GROWING SPACE**.

40% IS THE MAXIMUM "STRUCTURES ALLOWANCE".

**1. General points:**

- 1.1. No allotment tenant has a right to erect any permanent or semi-permanent structure (see "RGS Allotments Letting Agreement and Rules" section 3).
- 1.2. No poured concrete bases to be laid for any structure or path.
- 1.3. The maximum height for any structure is 2.3m (7' 6") (to the top of the ridge if appropriate).
- 1.4. At least 60% of the tenant's plot must be retained as **open growing space** available for cultivation. Grass areas, paths and paved areas etc. are not considered available for cultivation. Fruit cages are considered open growing space.
- 1.5. Any structure must be stable, secure (details required as to how this will be managed) and maintained in good repair. They must be in manageable pieces to be constructed and disassembled on site. Any door must open onto the plot holder's own plot, must not cast undue shade on neighbouring plots, and must not be located or constructed in such a way as to inconvenience a neighbour, cause a hazard or obstruction.
- 1.6. No structures may be positioned within 450mm (18") of the perimeter fence or nearer than 300mm (12") from other pathways.
- 1.7. If a structure is erected that contravenes these processes and specification, the tenant will be instructed to remove it, or the RGS will charge the tenant for the cost of removing it.
- 1.8. If you are in any doubt please speak to your Site Secretary or email [rgs.sw15@gmail.com](mailto:rgs.sw15@gmail.com)

**2. Major Structures: no more than 3 Major Structures will be permitted on any one plot:**

**2.1 Storage Space: e.g. sheds, tool chests, other storage higher than 4' (1.25m)**

2.1.1 Written permission must be obtained from either the relevant Site Secretary or Chair of RGS before any shed is purchased and put in place. See form "Permission for Erecting a Shed or Storage Structure on Allotments".

2.1.2 The maximum footprint is 6' x 4' (1.8m x 1.2m).

**2.2 Covered Growing Space: e.g. greenhouse or polytunnel:**

2.2.1 Before erecting a greenhouse or poly tunnel you must consult with your Site Secretary or the Chair of RGS. See form "Permission for Erecting a Greenhouse or Polytunnel on Allotments"

2.2.2 These structures will be considered as **covered growing space** and will be counted as part of the 40% "structures allowance".

**2.3 Chicken Coops: See RGS Keeping Poultry on Allotments.**

**2.4 Bee Hives: See RGS Keeping Bees on Allotments.**

**3. Other Structures:** Plant supports, fruit cages, fencing, trellis, compost bins, tool boxes, water butts, cold frames do not require permission to install but must comply with the **General Points** specified in **paragraph 1** above.

