The relocation of the allotments is an important part of the Weyside Urban Village Project - an ambitious scheme led by Guildford Borough Council to deliver c.1500 new homes (40% of which will be affordable), new industrial and employment spaces, new waste management and sewage treatment works, new community facilities and a new neighbourhood centre, an extension to Weyside Primary School and more green open space.

The site is allocated as suitable for development in the Local Plan which has just been upheld as sound by the High Court. The use of brownfield sites such as this helps safeguard green field and Green Belt land, and will allow Guildford Borough Council to build the homes that local people need.

Engaging with our communities

Two consultation events were held for the public and allotment holders at Christ’s College Sixth Form Centre on 29th and 30th October. Both events were well attended, and the comments will be reviewed with the Guildford Allotment Society (GAS) to see what can be incorporated into the developing plans for the new allotments. We are clear that the process must be done with the GAS and allotment holders from start to finish.

The distance from the existing site to the proposed site at North Moors is 0.5 miles direct and 0.75 miles on foot.
Your Consultation Questions Answered

WHY ARE THE ALLOTMENTS BEING MOVED?
The current allotments form part of the site for Weyside Urban Village. As the site at North Moors does not provide enough plots to replace Bellfields, the existing allotments at Aldershot Road will be extended. This ensures every allotment holder is guaranteed a replacement plot of equal size.

WHEN WILL WE GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WEYSIDE URBAN VILLAGE?
There will be varying strands of work during 2020 and at various points throughout the year consultation events will be held to inform as well as consult. Please keep an eye on the Council website for events and timings.

WHY ARE THE ALLOTMENTS BEING MOVED TO NORTH MOORS?
The new allotments are on Green Belt land, where development is only permitted in exceptional circumstances. North Moors is also close to Slyfield, Bellfields and Jacobs Well, and less than a mile from the current allotments.

HOW ACCESSIBLE WILL NORTH MOORS BE?
There is an application to designate a footpath as a public right of way to provide access from Jacobs Well to Slyfield. The footpath would provide access to the rear of the site, though the fencing around the allotments will be secure, & require a key code to access the site.

WHY IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE INVOLVED?
Because allotments are so valuable to local communities, permission must be granted by the Secretary of State before we proceed with the relocation of the plots. We will do this in parallel with the submission of the planning application.

IS THE SITE AT RISK OF FLOODING AT NORTH MOORS?
No. A flood risk assessment has concluded that the site falls outside any flood zones or flood compensation areas.

WHAT WILL THE NEW SITE PROVIDE?
We are working with GAS and allotment holders to design a site that reflects their wishes. The final allotment site will be built to the highest environmental standards. There will also be a community facility, dedicated parking and cycle storage.

WILL WE HAVE HELP TO RELOCATE?
The site at North Moors will be prepared in advance, with plots ready for planting, sheds in place, water taps connected and the new community facility up and running. Guildford Borough Council will provide transport, machinery and staff to help with the move.

Your views and comments are important to us and we will continue to update you...

We will continue to update you on progress. PLEASE CONTACT US AT weyside.urban.village@guildford.gov.uk

| Designate the footpath as a public right of way | December 2019/January 2020 |
| Planning Application for new allotments | January 2020 |
| Planning consent granted | April 2020 |
| Works to commence on new site | May 2020 |
| Works complete on new site | October 2020 |
| Move to new site | October 2020 |
| Free to use both allotment sites | October 2020 - April 2021 |
| Vacate Bellfields allotments | April 2021 |