

Questions by Members of the Council under Procedure Rule 10.0

Council – 18 July 2023

**Question from Councillor Sara Jane Trebar
Received on 12 July 2023**

Question

We are extremely pleased to hear about the government's investment into the building of the new hospital in Watford. As it's common knowledge, the whole of Farm Terrace allotments were lost so part of the new car park could be built on a small piece of the allotment land. When central Government gave permission to Watford Council to build on the former Farm Terrace Allotment site it was a condition of closure that the council fully re-provide the allotment land next to Paddock Road allotments in Oxhey. This never happened.

As you stated in 2022, the £750k allocated for the re-provision of farm terrace allotments to paddock road and compensation of remaining tenants at the time has now been fully spent. I asked as a follow up question then if you could please provide me with a full breakdown of these costs, this has never been provided so I am asking again.

Answer

The council spent c£752,011 on supporting the re-provision of Farm Terrace allotments and compensation. Of this:

- £644,234 was spent on preparing Paddock Road land for allotments
- £61,904 on assisting allotment holders in their relocation to new sites
- £45,873 on compensating allotment holders

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