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Section 1: Facilities							
		%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Q1</b>	Rate quality of main paths	V good	Good	Ok	Poor	V Poor	Void
	2002 % of respondents	12	24	35	15	11	2
	2007 % of respondents	16	33	33	10	9	0
<b>Q2</b>	Rate quality of water supply	V good	Good	Ok	Poor	V Poor	Void
	2002 % of respondents	23	28	29	9	9	3
	2007 % of respondents	37	36	18	5	3	0
<b>Q3</b>	Rating of signage on sites (new question)	V good	Good	Ok	Poor	V Poor	Void
	2007 % of respondents	10	22	30	12	13	12
<b>Q3a</b>	Presence of a toilet facility	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	10	88	2			
	2007 % of respondents	80	17	2			
<b>Q3a1</b>	Rate toilet facility	V good	Good	Ok	Poor	V Poor	Void
	2002 % of respondents	1	2	4	1	4	88
	2007 % of respondents	11	17	25	7	8	0
<b>Q3a2</b>	Want toilet provided	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	56	44	20			
	2007 % of respondents	10	6	84			
<b>Q4</b>	Do you have site composting facilities?	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	6	91	3			
	2007 % of respondents	17	80	3			
<b>Q4a</b>	Rate composting facilities for usefulness	V good	Good	Ok	Poor	V Poor	Void
	2002 % of respondents	7	2	3	1	3	84
	2007 % of respondents	10	3	4	2	1	80
<b>Q4b</b>	Want composting facility	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	40	39	21			
	2007 % of respondents	44	28	29			
<b>Q5</b>	Do you have a hut?	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	84	15	1			
	2007 % of respondents	89	10	1			
<b>Q5a</b>	Hut size	Sq ft					
	2002 mean size	35					
	2007 mean size	41					

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Q6	Problems on site:	2007 no. Respondents			2007 % Respondents		
	Maintenance of plots (vacant)	224			35		
	Theft	191			30		
	Disposal of non consumable waste	185			29		
	Poor paths/roads	147			23		
	Vandalism/graffiti	146			23		
	Poor lighting	144			22		
	Fencing around individual plots	129			20		
	Insecure perimeter fence	108			17		
	Water supply	104			16		
	Insufficient toilet facilities	92			14		
	No car parking	77			12		
	Lack of site information	66			10		
	Fly tipping	57			9		
	Dog fouling	42			7		
	Poor water pressure	41			6		
	No vehicle access	38			6		
	Personal safety	18			3		
	Vehicular trespass	13			2		
Q7	What is put in site trade waste bin?	Nothing/very little	Compostable waste	Non-compostable waste	void		
	2007 % of respondents	17	9	49	26		
Q8	Rate quality of rubbish collection	V good	Good	Ok	Poor	V poor	void
	2002 % of respondents	7	12	24	13	36	8
	2007 % of respondents	15	25	25	8	11	16
Q8a	Are rubbish bins necessary?	Yes	No	Void			
	2007% of respondents	89	5	5			
Q8b	Further rubbish bin improvements	Weekly collection	More bins	Recycling	Skips	Shred	void
	2007 % of respondents	4	15	5	4	0	71
Q8c	Are collection facilities used inappropriately?	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	39	35	26			
	2007 % of respondents	48	26	26			
Q8d	Inappropriate use of rubbish bins	Overfilled	Household waste	Organic waste	Other large items	Void	
	2007% of respondents	5	8	27	2	58	
Q9	Presence of a communal storage container	Yes	No	Void			
	2002 % of respondents	52	41	7			
	2007 % of respondents	62	31	7			

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<b>Q9a</b>	<b>Rate usefulness of container</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	31	13	57			
	2007 % of respondents	16	7	77			
<b>Q9b</b>	<b>Want site container</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	19	22	59			
	2007 % of respondents	17	21	63			
<b>Q10</b>	<b>Presence of a communal cultivation area</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	7	83	10			
	2007 % of respondents	13	74	13			
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Any problems accessing plot</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	12	84	3			
	2007 % of respondents	15	81	3			
<b>Q11 a</b>	<b>Access problems experienced</b>	<b>distance</b>	<b>paths</b>	<b>gates</b>	<b>gradient</b>	<b>parking</b>	<b>void</b>
	2007 % of respondents	1	10	2	1	1	86
<b>Section 2: Gardening</b>							
<b>Q1</b>	<b>Are you an organic gardener?</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	60	33	6			
	2007 % of respondents	90	1	9			
<b>Q1a</b>	<b>Total or partial organic gardening</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>partial</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2007 % of respondents	53	46	0			
<b>Q2</b>	<b>Do you compost green waste?</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	83	14	3			
	2007 % of respondents	95	2	2			
<b>Q3</b>	<b>What do you grow?</b>	<b>veg</b>	<b>fruit</b>	<b>flowers</b>	<b>herbs</b>		
	2002 respondents	97	78	59	63		
	2007 respondents	99	91	68	68		
<b>Q4</b>	<b>Hour spent on plot per week</b>	<b>winter</b>	<b>summer</b>				
	2002 respondents	3.6	12				
	2007 respondents	4.2	10.7				
<b>Q5</b>	<b>Average visits per week</b>	<b>winter</b>	<b>summer</b>				
	2007 respondents	2.8	3.6				
<b>Q6</b>	<b>Distance from site in miles</b>	<b>1 mile</b>	<b>2 miles</b>	<b>3 miles</b>	<b>4 miles</b>	<b>5+ miles</b>	<b>void</b>
	2002 % of respondents	51	25	11	4	2	6
	2007 % of respondents	39	24	10	3	4	20

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<b>Q6a</b>	<b>Transport used to site</b>	bus	cycle	car	walk	motorcycle	void
	2002 % of respondents	8	11	42	36	0	3
	2007 % of respondents	10	19	36	35	0	0
<b>Section 3: Management</b>							
<b>Q1</b>	Aware of FEDAGA?	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	91	6	2			
	2007 % of respondents	95	4	1			
<b>Q1a</b>	Receive enough FEDAGA information?	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	69	25	6			
	2007 % of respondents	83	13	4			
<b>Q2</b>	Do you know who is your site rep?	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	75	20	4			
	2007 % of respondents	72	26	2			
<b>Q2a</b>	Do you communicate with site committee?	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2007 % respondents	50	46	4			
<b>Q2b</b>	Attendance at site AGM	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2007 % respondents	29	63	8			
<b>Q3</b>	Happy with site inspection / termination	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2007 % respondents	63	20	16			
<b>Q4</b>	Level of plot rental compared to other facilities	<b>high</b>	<b>low</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>void</b>		
	2002 % of respondents	5	14	79	3		
	2007 % of respondents	8	7	84	1		
<b>Q5</b>	Feel should be more involved in site management	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>void</b>			
	2002 % of respondents	31	61	7			
	2007 % of respondents	30	61	9			
<b>Section 4 : About you</b>							
<b>Q1</b>	Length of allotment tenure	<b>0-5 years</b>	<b>6-10 year</b>	<b>11+ years</b>	<b>voids</b>		
	2007 % of respondents	39	21	35	5		
<b>Q2</b>	Personal benefits of an allotment:	<b>v good</b>	<b>good</b>	<b>ok</b>	<b>poor</b>	<b>v poor</b>	<b>void</b>
	Physical fitness	43	28	19	4	2	3
	Mental wellbeing	58	25	10	1	3	3
	Health physical	46	28	17	3	3	5
	Social interaction	22	23	31	13	7	5
	Economic benefits	16	18	32	17	12	6

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		IMPORTANCE						
<b>Q3</b>	Main benefits from having an allotment	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>VOID</b>	
	Exercise and health	42	22	19	7	6	4	
	Fresh fruit and veg	55	19	11	5	8	3	
	Social activity	14	7	13	30	18	18	
	Contact with nature	34	17	22	12	6	9	
	Save money	13	3	9	17	36	22	
<b>Q4</b>	Most important improvement to your site	No of responses		% of responses				
	None	323		50				
	Eradicate vermin	7		1				
	Toilet facilities	18		3				
	Horticulture advice	41		6				
	Retain sites	8		1				
	More rubbish collections	29		5				
	Fencing	44		7				
	Paths	16		2				
	Inspection	27		4				
	Composting	18		3				
	Tree maintenance	11		2				
	Others	99		15				
<b>Others include: Flood prevention, electricity, shredder, parking standpipes, community, organic gardening, play areas and wind break</b>								
<b>Q5</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>2002</b>		<b>2007</b>				
	<24	0		0				
	25 – 34	5		3				
	35-54	39		38				
	55+	53		58				
	Void	3		1				
<b>Q6</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>2002</b>		<b>2007</b>				
	Male	40		47				
	Female	58		50				
	Void	2		2				
<b>Q7</b>	Disabled	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>Void</b>		
	2002 % of respondents	13		80		7		
	2007 % of respondents	9		84		7		
	Ethnic Background	White	Black African	Black caribbean	Others	Chinese	mixed	Void
	2002 % of respondents	91.4	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	7.3
	2007 % of respondents	92.5	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.3	1.3	3.4