

Ledbury's Underdown original walled garden development plans

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Under discussion is a 1 acre walled garden that boasts very good access from the main Ledbury roundabout. It has historical significance as it was used as a kitchen garden for Underdown and the Biddulph family.

The site had many glass houses and potting sheds, boiler house and numerous growing houses, in its time it was a source of employment for the town and had commercial viability as a flower, fruit and veg Market garden.

The land still has status of 'garden'.

Recently the site has been turned over to community allotments, which others have been invited to participate in. This has brought local people together in a conscious effort to make use of the land and be productive once again.

We would like the Garden to be included into the town boundary/settlement boundary so it can have a sustainable purpose and be a real part of Ledbury.

Being a whole acre we have vision to construct a zero-carbon, and sustainable accommodation. This will be sympathetic to its history, and sympathetic to its surrounding.

The intention is for one dwelling with a sympathetic plan to the original Ledbury style and energy.

The land will therefore have accommodation that will link in with the activities at the Barn. This is so we can grow organic vegetables and grow plants; which will fit into our strategy of everything we serve being locally produced.

Our vision is to restore the character and the cultural heritage of the site to stop it slipping into decline. This will give it new purpose, and retain the green space.

If we were to gain planning for dwellings on the garden they would be at the top of the site, where the buildings were before. This would keep within much of the originally covered area and retain the charm of the garden

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