

## Sandy Lane EcoPlot: Proposal for Sustainable Land Stewardship in Irby

Dear Planning Officer or Councilor,

I am writing to express my interest in managing a piece of greenbelt land on Sandy Lane North, Irby, which holds historical residential use status (noted in 1987) and is currently unused. As a local resident working with members of the community on this very road, I would like to propose a long-term plan for using this land as a model for low-impact, sustainable living.

### Project Overview

- To live sustainably and off-grid on the land
- To grow food organically using no-dig/permaculture methods
- To increase biodiversity through native planting and wildlife support
- To share sustainable practices through online outreach and education



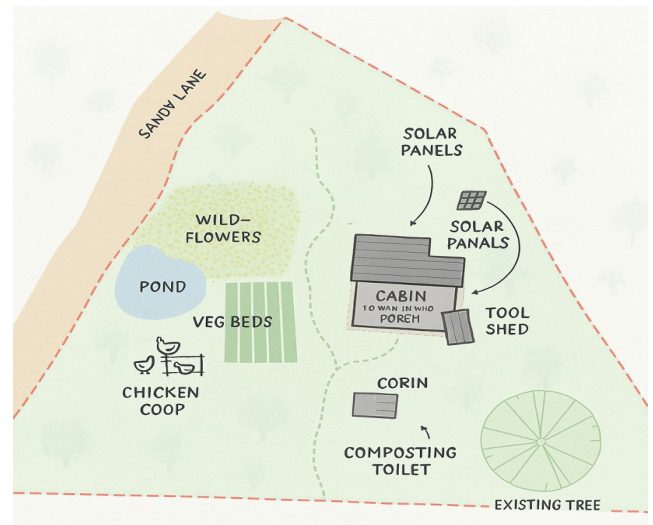
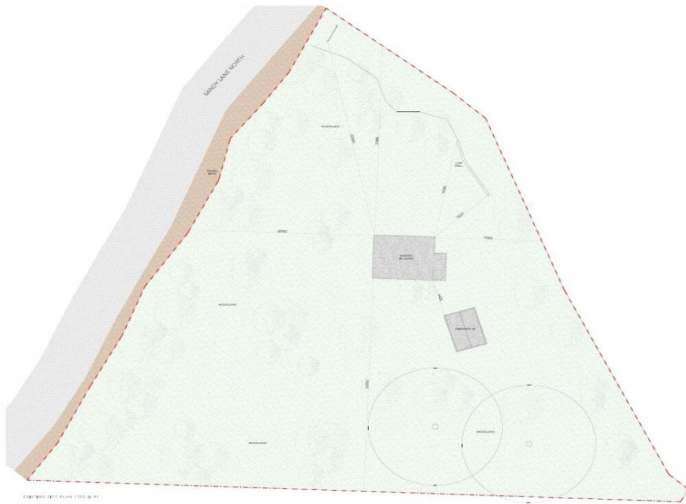
### Local Ties & Community Support

- Worked as a professional gardener for multiple residents along Sandy Lane for over a year
- Built strong community relationships with local support for the project

### Planned Land Use and Infrastructure

- Non-permanent shepherd's hut or cabin as a land management base
- No-dig vegetable beds and composting systems
- Pollinator meadows and a wildlife pond
- Habitat shelters for hedgehogs, frogs, birds, and insects
- Rainwater harvesting, compost toilets, solar and wind systems

- Occasional use of chickens and ducks (for eggs and pest control)



### Policy Alignment

- Climate Emergency Declaration (2019) and Cool Wirral Partnership Goals
- Biodiversity Net Gain under the Environment Act 2021
- Wirral Local Plan greenbelt stewardship objectives
- DEFRA 25-Year Environment Plan alignment



### Community and Public Engagement

- Blog: The Backyard Farmer – 5+ years of sustainable living content
- Regular updates and educational posts
- Online workshops or tutorials as needed



### Request

- Meeting or informal conversation to explore the plan

- Guidance on greenbelt land use viability
- Feedback on next steps: LDC or temporary use application

I have lived semi off-grid in a cabin for the past three years and have relied on my bicycle as my main form of transport for over 15 years. These choices reflect my ongoing commitment to low-impact living and align closely with the ethos of this proposed project.

Blog page for the Project (in Development) Crowd Funding to be set up - <https://backyard-farmer.com/irby-eco-living-project/>

I believe this project could act as a positive model for regenerative, self-sufficient land use that contributes to Wirral's broader climate and environmental vision. I am happy to provide further details, maps, and visual outlines of the plan on request.

Warm regards,  
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