

Additional Allotment Gardens for The Ivers

The motion

1. To request Buckinghamshire Council to identify land that they own which can be made available for the purposes of Allotment Gardens in The Ivers Parish.
2. The Ivers Parish Council to identify land for Allotments, should Buckinghamshire Council fail to do so and /or in addition to what is identified by others.

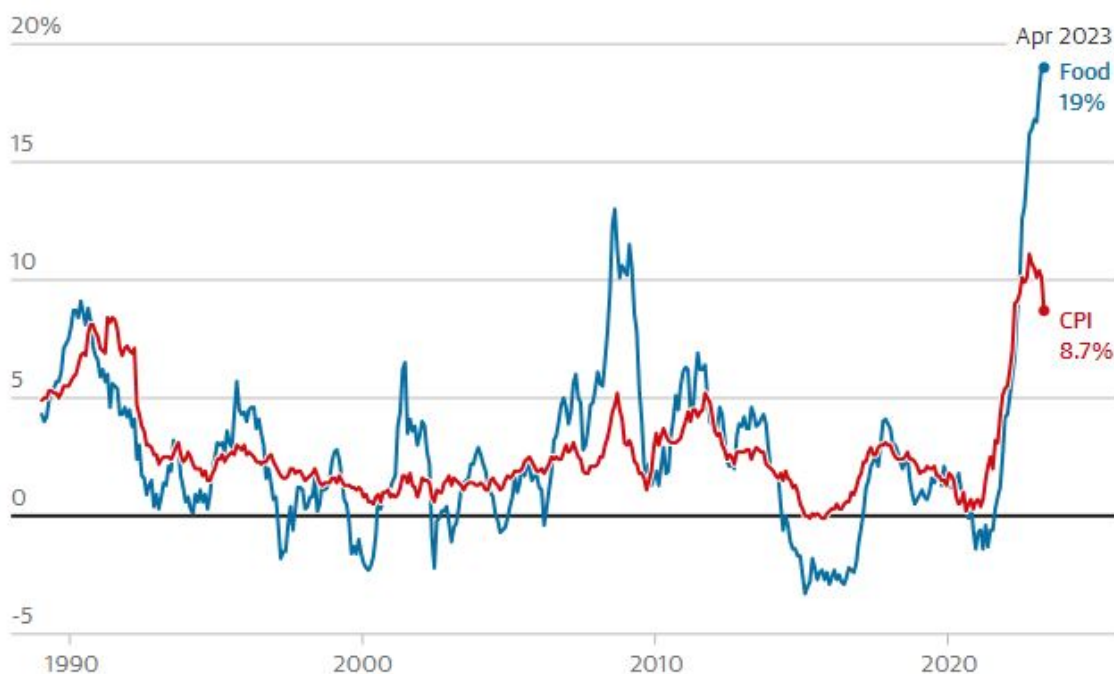
Background

There is a positive obligation to make allotments available should there be demand (Section 23 Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908). We are seeing demand grow and this may continue as the growth is fuelled by economic and sustainability concerns. However, the identification and provision of land for use as allotments can take some time. Hence, we need to plan in advance.

The economic situation is predicted to continue, in particular, food inflation is expected to rise. Below is a graphic showing the exceptional rise in food inflation in some instances up to 45% has been reported.

Food inflation remains at a historic high despite a fall in the headline rate

Annual CPI and food and non-alcoholic beverage inflation rate, %



Guardian graphic. Source: ONS. Consumer price inflation, UK: April 2023

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/may/24/uk-inflation-falls-cost-of-living-crisis>

Many commentators are also identifying that growing your own food is a sustainable approach. The Ecoexpert is reporting that some 55% of UK adults would like to grow their own food.

<https://www.theecoexperts.co.uk/home-hub/how-to-grow-your-own-food>

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals can also be supported by the provision and use of allotments. In particular, contributions to achieving the goals can be made to:

SDG 2 Zero Hunger

SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being

SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and communities

SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

SDG 13 Climate Action

SDG 15 Life on Land

The National Allotment Society and other sources all note that the process of identifying and allocating land as an allotment site can take some time.

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