

**RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE – 13th May 2009
AT 7.00 PM**

OPEN SESSION:

During the public participation session, three allotment holders made representations about the allotments at Upper Kingston. They were concerned about the current policy of keeping the gates locked when there are people inside. In the event of an emergency, an ambulance would be unable to enter through the locked gate. They consider that it is acceptable for the last person to leave to lock the gate. There are a number of elderly plot holders, one of whom got his feet caught in a fence for two hours with no-one able to rescue him. They asked the Town Council to reconsider the policy of locking the gate, on health and safety grounds.

The Chairman proposed that this issue should be investigated further and deferred to a future Committee Meeting for discussion.

The Town Clerk said that it was allotment holders who originally requested that the gate be kept locked, to improve security, so it would be necessary to canvass opinion. He noted that all allotment plot holders have their own key.

ACTION Christine Smith

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.