



# Eat the Street

An Urban Agriculture Initiative  
for Armley Town Street



# Healthy Living Network

Charity based in Armley working with communities to empower people to make small changes towards a healthier lifestyle



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# Armley Town Street



4 x bookies  
5 x off-licences  
4 x pubs

5 x pawnshops  
5 x charity shops  
13 x takeaways

# The proposed site for the **Eat the Street** Community Garden



Still in the process of finding out who owns the land:  
Council or private?

Has been disused for at least 2 year, probably much longer

Fly tipping site

# Where Chapel Lane Meets Mistress Lane and Crab Lane



An ideal location

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# Armley Town Street Hub



- Community hub offering healthy living courses such as cookery, relaxation, gentle exercise etc.
- Community cafe
- Monthly market - Made in Armley
- Volunteer & work experience opportunities

# Our Plans...

- Health & wellbeing for the local community
- A visual impact to make a positive impression on the street
- To start a 'grassroots' community garden bringing together community members to build raised beds & landscape the land opposite **The Hub**
- Produce will be used in cooking demonstrations in **The Hub**, shared amongst the volunteers and any surplus sold

# In addition...



- Locate other spaces along Town Street to build raised beds (working with council to locate places)
- Encourage shopkeepers to have hanging food baskets or window boxes (funding for this)
- Create a ladybird trail down Town Street connecting the garden to other sites and window boxes





# Benefits to the Community

- Create a place of beauty amidst the urban chaos
- Bring community members together to create & maintain the garden
- Sell/give excess produce to community members benefiting their health
- Cooking demonstrations in utilizing produce grown in the garden **The Hub**
- A positive destination in Armley

# Benefits to the Economy

- Market in **The Hub** to encourage local cottage industries
- Link & share experience with another community hub set to open in east Leeds
- Potential for '**Made in Armley**' stalls in Kirkstall Deli Market & within shops along Town Street
- Volunteering & work experience opportunities
- To look at possible bigger growing projects once the community garden is up & running

# Our preferred tenancy...

## No costs occupational licence

- 3 year lease on **The Hub**, which is dependent on funding
  - HLN is a small organization: capacity to continue
- Possibility to transfer to a community group in the future

# For success we require:

- A clear reference person for land enquiries
- Useful contacts - links to free compost, excess plants, bulbs, planters etc.
  - Access to local recycling plants for resources
- Publicity - billboard on Stanningley Road, city-wide magazines, local media etc.
  - Partnerships with social housing providers
    - Up to date list of available funding
- Funding for gardener/community development worker



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This is what it could be...



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