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Dear Councillors

Ballsbridgeliving tidy towns would greatly appreciate the help and support of the south east area committee in a most exciting community project for the Ballsbridge community .

As many of you will be aware we have been talking for some time about the lack of space available for tidy towns in Ballsbridge for composting or propagating our own perennial plants for all year round flowering in the village . We have identified the ESB site on Beatty's Ave as a natural fit for the community and tidy towns . For those not familiar with the site I have attached an aerial view (between house 5 & 6) . The site we understand is owned by the ESB and has been used by the OPW for the past few years as a store for the flood relief works . We also understand that this site has a large number of power cables crossing the site which makes any sort of excavation impossible .

What we propose is

1. The use of raised beds for allotments to ease some of the pressure in Herbert Park for allotments spaces
2. A poly tunnel again using raised beds to allow us to propagate perennials for use in plant boxes around the village
3. A composting area using our existing pallet composters where we use the leaves collected from Anglesea Road , Ailesbury Drive and Grove and surrounding roads to create our own planter box compost . These are currently located in the Horse Show pitches site but not for much longer as that site moves towards development . We have also located two in St Conleths School on Clyde Road .
4. Two of our Tidy Towns volunteers who live very close to the site want to set up a Dodder view / Ballsbridge Ave composting scheme and are happy to run and supervise it . The houses in Dodder View cannot generally accommodate compost bins and as a result everything is black bin waste only due to difficulty of accommodating compost bins with no space .
5. A small shed for storing Tidy Towns equipment which could also become a "men's shed" where the community can meet over a cup of tea or coffee and hopefully sit out in the sunshine .

Ultimately this would become a community space for the local residents.

We are looking to enter into a lease arrangement with the ESB . We would undertake to cover the cost of implementing a pre agreed plan , maintaining the area to a very high standard , providing insurance cover for the area , ensuring no anti-social behaviour in the area , ensuring the ESB full access for any essential maintenance work .

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We think this is potentially a very exciting initiative for Ballsbridge and would welcome your support and help with DCC to bring this to fruition ,

Yours Sincerely

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