Allotment Rules about use of Water on Allotments

Suggested Introduction (from NAS template*)*

The Tenant shall practice water conservation, including collecting rainwater from sheds and other buildings using guttering and covered water butts and consider mulching as a water conservation practice.

Current Council Rule & proposed change	**BDAC Alternative –**
Hoses or sprinklers are not allowed except where required to fill water butts. (6.1)	Option 1: No change to Rule Option 2: Hosepipes, sprinklers and irrigation systems may only be used for watering crops when connected to containers filled with harvested rainwater Sprinklers, irrigations systems and the like are forbidden if connected to mains water.
Where water containers of more than 220 litres (45 gallons) are used: they can only be used for water harvesting and **must not** be filled via hose pipes (i.e. tap water). (6.2)	As left: Where water containers of more than 220 litres (45 gallons) are used: they can only be used for water harvesting and **must not** be filled via hose pipes (i.e. tap water). (6.2) Add: Large water containers (eg IBCs 1000 or 1200 litres) must be accessible and have taps fitted to use with watering cans and hosepipes.
No water containers can be raised above 600mm (2') above ground level. (6.2) New rule: Water containers must be connected to guttering	No change, as left: No water containers can be raised above 600mm (2') above ground level. (6.2) New rule acceptable but add 2 words: Water containers must be connected to guttering where possible
In filling a container tenants must have consideration for others who wish to use water. (6.1)	No change, as left
Tenants must take every precaution to prevent contamination of water supplies. (6.1) Hosepipes or siphoning devices are not to be used to remove water from any water trough.(6.1) Water may only be extracted from a water course with the approval of the Council and subject to the appropriate licence. (6.1)	No change, as left:
In the absence of any other suitable structure, a lean to structure not exceeding 8ft x 6ft (2.4mx2m) may be erected to harvest rainwater (10.4)	*Proposed alternative suggestion:* Plots of all sizes should have at least one reasonably sized container to harvest rainwater (220 litres or more). The Association may specify what is required on Small, Medium or Large plots, with some means to collect and use rainwater for crops if there are no suitable structures already. A lean-to structure not exceeding 8ft x 6ft (2.4mx2m) is one alternative.

	Suggested that there should be rules regarding tenants creating water features ie a pond. A pond is a potential hazard and there should be restrictions on its depth. It also needs to be clearly signposted with approved hazard signage. Permission to construct a pond needs to be obtained from the allotment committee.