

# Access to growing spaces in Brighton - lessons from Covid-19

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# PROJECT OUTLINE

Key research question:

**How can legal and policy frameworks governing access to urban growing spaces contribute to community resilience capacities?**

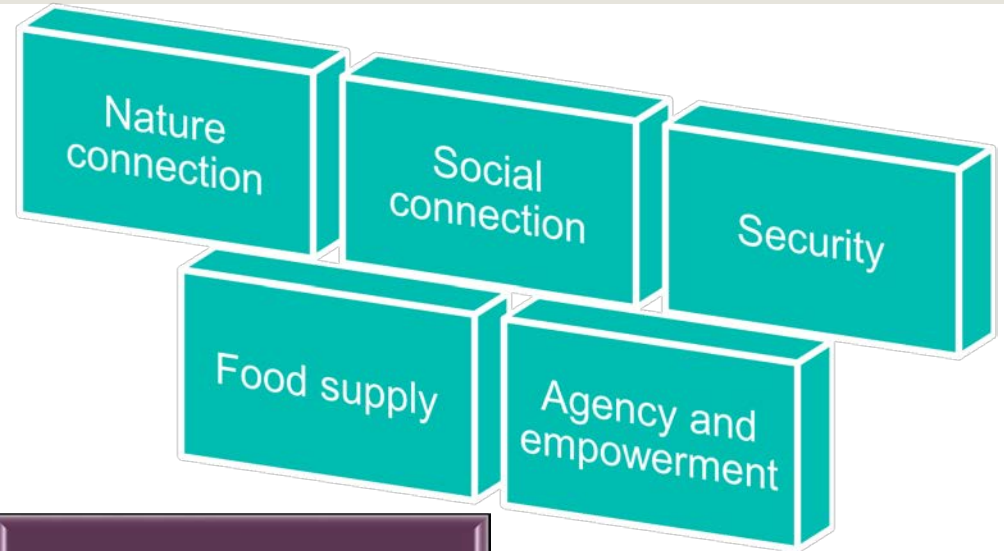
- Socio-legal research.
- Holistic approach to political/social/ecological challenges (Brexit, COVID, climate/biodiversity crises).
- Local Partners: BHFP, BHCC.

# Research progress so far...

Phase 1 (Sussex HEIF COVID Response Fund): Mapping legal/governance models and key sites in Brighton. Construction of database.



Phase 2 (Sussex SPF Evidence-based policy fund): Pilot interviews. Focus groups. Development work on database/public website.



Security of tenure.

Formal structures for management/maintenance.

Organisational structure: formal platform for connection between growers.

# Initial findings and next steps

- **Diversity of ownership and management arrangements** important in meeting community needs.
- **Informal/ extra-legal arrangements** and relationships crucial, but could also lead to **precarity and insecurity**.
- **Inequality of access** limited the resilience benefits accessible to the most vulnerable communities.

Policy brief

Podcast

Database  
and public  
website

Scaling up/horizons?