



# Flora Works

—Client Questionnaire—

## Garden Considerations

A garden design is a collaborative process where I will work with you to design a garden that best serves you and your family based on your needs, likes and dislikes and keep within your budget. The client brief questionnaire is the first step and may help you generate a picture of what you would like your garden to be and provide me with initial information that will give us a starting point to work from in preparation for our initial meeting.

In the beginning stages it is beneficial that you take some time to consider what you and your family **need most** out of a new garden. Would you like a new seating area to host parties, a play area for your children to play in or exotic planting to reflect your personal style? In addition to thinking about elements that would like to have in your garden you will also need to think about **constraints** that may be present in your existing outdoor space. Is your garden very shady? Is the garden on a strong slope? Do you need planning permissions to remove an undesired tree?

There are also many **practical factors** to account for that will ensure that your space is well organised and functions well. For a design to be successful **form must always follow function**. In other words, practical matters in garden should come before ornamental considerations.

## Flora Works - Client Contact Details Form

Please fill in the information below. This information will remain confidential.

<b>Date:</b>	Date.
<b>Name:</b>	First Name          Surname
<b>Address:</b>	Address Line 1 Address Line 2 City Post Code Country
<b>Phone:</b>	Home Phone Mobile Phone Work Phone
<b>Email(s)</b>	Email 1 Email 2
<b>Who will be using the garden space?</b>	Please describe how you imagine the garden space will be used and who will be using it. Do any special requirements need to be met? Anyone with special needs?
<b>Children &amp; Ages</b>	Number of children and ages if applicable
<b>Pets</b>	Will any pets be using the garden?

## Client Questionnaire

*Take a deep breath, close your eyes and take a few moments to **imagine your ideal garden space**. What does it look like? How does it feel? Is it colourful? Lush? Peaceful or buzzing with guests? Or simply a place where you now practice your hobby?*

**Please answer questions that apply to your garden space;**

### Scope of Works

- I. Is it a front or back garden/or other?
  
- II. What size is your garden?
  
- III. Who will be using the garden and how will it be used? Will you be entertaining friends and family?
  
- IV. What is the architectural style of the house? (Victorian, Art Deco, Contemporary etc.)
  
- V. Do you plan to remodel your home?
  
- VI. Is there a date that garden must be completed by?

## **Existing Conditions**

- I. What elements do you like most about your garden? What would you like to retain?
  
- II. What do you like least? What would like changed or removed? Any existing problems?

## **Existing Issue**

Tick the boxes that apply.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy                | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undesired views        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pest problems        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning permissions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much sun or shade? | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underground utilities  |   |

Describe current issues with your site that need to be addressed;

## **Your New Garden**

- I. What types of activities will happen in your garden? (Entertainment, Recreational activities, Other activities - reading, relaxing, gardening, bird-watching)

What elements and features would you like incorporated into your garden design? Please tick yes in the boxes that apply and add additional information.

**Planting**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
Lawn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Borders/Beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Flowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Shrubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Hanging flower baskets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Trellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Vegetable Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Herb Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other – Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Hard Landscaping**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
Patio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Decking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Any material in mind?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stone, brick, wood etc. ?
Other – Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Amenities**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
Play Area or structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bin Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Green House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Compost Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Washing Line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Storage/Shed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other – Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Access**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
Paths – Pedestrian Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Car Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bin Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other – Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Other**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art/ Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Water Feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fire pit or BBQ area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other – Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

## **Garden Styles**

Tick the boxes that apply to the garden and planting styles you would like to incorporate into your design. It's OK to choose more than one! If you're unsure that's OK too, I will show you examples in our initial meeting.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflower meadow     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalistic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cottage garden        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exotic                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal English garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable garden           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Garden                | <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary/Modern   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable garden           | <input type="checkbox"/> Meditation garden     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian garden          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife attracting garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Alpine rockery garden |

Other, please describe:

## **Design Mood and Feelings Evoked**

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lush      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serene/Relaxing/ Calming | <input type="checkbox"/> Rustic    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bold      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symmetrical              | <input type="checkbox"/> Open      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun/Whimsical            | <input type="checkbox"/> Geometric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serene/Relaxing/ Calming | <input type="checkbox"/> Fragrant  |

Other, please describe:

**Garden installation**

- II. Do you have a landscape contractor already in mind for the build?
  
- III. Will you be doing some of the installation work yourself?
  
- IV. Do you have access to your site survey plans for your property? If you do this can save you money in the design phase of the garden design.

**Garden Maintenance**

<input type="checkbox"/>	By homeowner	<input type="checkbox"/>	By professional gardener	<input type="checkbox"/>	By maintenance co.
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Other or a combination, please describe:

**Budget**

What is your budget for the garden design?