

BEST GARDENS **Client Questionnaire**

Project Number []

1 Contact Details

First Name		Surname		
Phone		email		
Address				

2 Household, frequent visitors (grandparents etc) and pets (existing or planned)

Name	Age range	Relationship	Hobbies/ Special needs

3 Functional requirements

Car Parking/ bikes <i>(no., size, position)</i>	Other storage <i>(tools, toys, chairs)</i>	Sitting area <i>(shade or sun)</i>	Dining Area <i>(typical no. of guests)</i>
Sun bathing area <i>(preferred position)</i>	Play area <i>(sand, swings, slide)</i>	Utility area <i>(access, bins, washing, meters)</i>	Vegetable garden <i>(anything specific)</i>
Herb garden <i>(anything specific)</i>	Fruit trees/ bushes <i>(anything specific)</i>	Irrigation system	Compost heap

4 Dislikes (anything you want hidden or do you hate crazy paving etc)

Existing	Future
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5 Existing elements to retain (plants, structures, access, views)

6a Desired look and feel (capture your initial thoughts and use the scale to verify)

6b Verification:

Formal (<i>ordered, straight lines, geometrical</i>)	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	Informal (<i>curvaceous, natural, wild, irregular</i>)
Traditional/ classical (<i>structured, statues, urns, etc</i>)	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	Contemporary (<i>clean lines, foliage plants, grasses, steel and granite</i>)
Country (<i>cottage style planting, timber fences, weathered</i>)	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	Urban (<i>minimalist, chic, bold planting, modern sculptures and art</i>)
High maintenance (<i>cutting lawn, deadheading etc</i>)	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	Low maintenance (<i>minimal work needed during the year</i>)

6c other style preferences (leave blank if this does not apply)

Colonial, Mediterranean, Oriental, Coastal, any other

6d major colour theme (either hot, soft, blue, green and white etc)

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7 Favourite plants (list any you would like to include)

8 Planting requirements

Flowers or foliage dominant	All year interest or seasonal	Main colour preference	Secondary colours	Other (e.g safe for pets)

9 Preferred materials

Brick	Stone	Concrete	Timber	Other

10 Other elements to be included

Lighting (<i>solar, back ground, security</i>)	Structures (<i>Arbour, shed, gazebo, pergola</i>)	Furniture (<i>tables, chairs, sun beds, BBQ, heaters</i>)	Water features (<i>child safe, with fish</i>)	Wildlife (<i>birds, butterflies, bees, squirrels</i>)

11 Approximate size of garden (either measure in metres or estimate in paces)

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12 Time scale (avoid holidays, clashes such as weddings, exams etc)

Initial designs required by:	Actual work ideally completed by: (this will depend on availability of contractors in your area)

13 Future plans (anything we need to consider, planning a new conservatory? Pets?)

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14 Other observations

Is the garden in a windy area? If so, where is it worse? (e.g. either from the West or with your back to the house on the right hand side)

Where is the sunniest and shadiest part of the garden?

Is the garden mostly flat or sloping? (e.g. slopes steeply to the rear of the garden)

What is your house made of? (e.g. red brick and cream painted wood)

What is the soil like? (pH readings can be taken at a later stage)

15 Budget (including cost for electricians, builders, skip hire, plants, statues etc) As a guide use £120 per square metre.

£7k to £10k	£10k to £12k	£12k to £15k	£15k to £20k	£20k plus
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