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Dear City of Edinburgh Council,

I wish to confirm RBGE's support of Granton Community Gardeners Asset Transfer Request. We have been familiar with the work of Granton Community Gardeners for several years and their dedication, persistence and positive impact has been impressive. RBGE took part in a project with the group in 2016 called Soil to Slice, part of 'Scotland the Bread' (<https://scotlandthebread.org>). The project involved community groups in every part of the bread making process from growing wheat, to threshing and milling the grain, to baking the bread.

Granton Community Gardeners created a remarkable legacy from this project in the form of a community bakery located in the heart of Granton. Occasionally they are even able to use flour from wheat grown in Granton's community gardens in the bread. The 'pay what you can afford' model makes the high quality, locally produced bread available to all members of the community. This achievement is evidence of the passion, drive and creativity of the group.

Granton Community Gardeners have a proven track record of delivering grass roots projects successfully. The speed and scale of their transformation of the 10 Wardieburn Road site, into a productive community garden, has been remarkable. From humble beginnings the group has flourished and, 10 years on, is aiming to make a more permanent base for their very worthwhile work.

Ownership of the site would give them the opportunity to improve on-site facilities and develop a long-term strategic plan. We believe this would be a valuable asset for the local community ensuring continued and secure access to nature, fresh food and the opportunity for community events and activities that contribute to health and wellbeing.

RBGE and GCG have shared aims around protecting biodiversity and ensuring that all members of our community can benefit from the environment. We are happy to support their application.

Yours sincerely,

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