

Dear Sirs

**Letter in support of Granton Community Gardens' Asset Transfer Request
For ownership of Community Garden at 10 Wardieburn Road**

I wish to register granton:hub's support for the above application. We believe the application would be beneficial for the neighbourhood in many ways:

1. Social and community - GCG gardens have become vibrant spaces for people to meet and create a sense of community in a shared endeavour. They also hold regular social events, providing food and having fun together in ways that help to bind the local community.
2. Educational - GCG has developed knowledge and skills in local people in growing their own food, which provides multiple benefits, increasing awareness of where food comes from, connecting to nature and creating a sense of purpose in sharing skills and knowledge, some of which can develop into economic enterprises.
3. Environmental - GCG has turned waste land into productive food growing spaces, bringing a range of benefits to the local environment, in terms of improved amenity, making the space productive and improving biodiversity, as well as looking attractive in a way that enhances the whole neighbourhood.
4. Economic - land used only to grow grass that nobody walked on is now producing crops that feed local people, benefiting them directly as well as providing a source of income from products sold locally and potentially supporting people into other productive employment opportunities.
5. Health - people who have an active interest in growing are fitter and benefit from improved mental health and wellbeing. Those involved in the gardens may become involved for a variety of reasons but all are likely to have improved overall health as a result.
6. Partnerships and local collaboration improves the whole neighbourhood - we have worked closely with GCG on a number of collaborations, eg GCG providing food for granton:hub's pantry and cafe, coordinating our efforts in offering Power of Food Festival activities and generally working together to improve lives for the people of Granton.

We believe that community ownership of this land would create an opportunity for local people to take pride in and develop together in ways that benefit the whole community and could provide a role model for other parts of the city.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Knight". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Louise Knight
Chair of the Board**