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Convenor, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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<u>Via email</u>

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Dear Ariane,

## RE: Committee Inquiry into Community Empowerment Act 2015

Thank you for inviting us to provide evidence to your committee enquiry into the Community Empowerment Act 2015, in particular Part 9 of the Act, about the provision of allotments and community food growing spaces.

Please see our response attached that provides the background and answers the specific questions you set out in your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if the committee requires further information.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Ferguson

Director, NHS Lothian Charity