

**Appendix C – Support for Project**

Hi

I am just writing to express my support of the Dunmore Farm Estate Community Garden. I live in Austin Place and think it is a great idea - it will bring the community together, create a wildlife haven and will be able to grow our own produce.

We really hope you will agree to this soon, as I know it has been going for some time.

Regards

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Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well.

I just wanted to send an email in SUPPORT of the Dunmore Farm Estate Community Garden. I think it is such a wonderful idea to bring the small community together with a beautiful garden which we can all be a part of.

Kind regards,

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Good morning,

I would like to express my support for the community garden in Austin place. Flower beds and bat boxes I believe are in the plans and this sounds like a great idea to make the area look nicer and bring the community together. Many older residents need community togetherness and it's wonderful how the street has become more friendly and supportive since Covid and our street party for the coronation.

I understand residents on Farm rd are unhappy with these ideas and I believe they have crossed wires. They have concerns of anti social behaviour from teenagers hanging around, I don't believe flower beds would attract teenagers at all.

We live next to the area in which this would be.

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Dear Abingdon town council,

I would like to register my support for the Austin place community garden initiative. I have been living in this area for 5 years and would love to spend time with my neighbours to support such a wonderful idea.

Having a community garden that brings neighbours together to know each other makes our community safer.

My daughter in particular who is 10 is very excited to help and loves gardening. She has been part of the gardening club at Dunmore Primary. It's great for the kids to be outdoors and for us to show support for the kind and thoughtful members of our community.

I have seen some abuse shown towards the organisers of this community garden and it would be a great pity for this initiative to be spoiled by a few grumpy individuals.

The area proposed for the garden is an underused park and was backing into a preschool. I can't imagine a few raised beds being noisier than a school.

There are many in the community who support the garden including my family .

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Hello,

My name is \_\_\_ and I live at Austin Place. I just wanted to express my support for the community garden plan and express that I think it's a great idea to bring together neighbours in the community.

After attending the community meeting, I felt there was some hostility between organising groups and the residents of Farm Road. However, aside from the valid concerns regarding seating areas being likely to cause late night antisocial behaviour, it seems mostly they are angry they weren't consulted before others, and generally didn't really make too many valid points.

There may also have been some miscommunication in the sense that these residents have been shown screenshots of ideas from a residential WhatsApp group which have been interpreted wildly out of context, leading to some confusion.

I hope this idea is something that goes ahead, as I believe this is a lovely idea to bring us together, especially thinking of the more isolated elderly residents. I myself love gardening and would love to spend time making this into something wonderful.

Many thanks,

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Hi

I'm just writing to express my pleasure about, and support for, the new community garden at Austin Place outside Dunmore Preschool. As a local (I live in Berry Croft near Abingdon & Witney College) who passes frequently through this grassy square and down the little cut-through lane with children going to Cubs and Beavers, I'm delighted to think that we'll be able to talk about the herbs, vegetables, trees and

flowers we see as we go past, and that this will help to encourage biodiversity - which we desperately need to save - as well as growing a bit of our own food in a sustainable, local way + providing a low carbon, low-cost, sociable activity for retired people, for example. As a member of Abingdon Carbon Cutters core group, I'm also delighted as this very much fits with our "mission". You only have to look at the Edible Abingdon and other beds around Abingdon to imagine the benefits and beauty this project will bring.

What a fantastic idea, and thank you for facilitating it!

Best wishes

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Hi

I'm emailing to say I support the proposed community garden between Austin Place and Farm road. I think it's a great, lovely idea

Best wishes

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Hello

I'd like to confirm that I'd like to register my support for the Dunmore Farm Community Garden.

My name is \_\_\_ and I live at Austin Place, Abingdon

Sarah and neighbours have been wonderful at organising this for our community and I will give them my full support in the process.

Many thanks

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I am writing to express my support for the proposal community garden in Austin Place. I live in Austin Place, two houses away from the proposed area, I feel the introduction of a garden would offer an area for the community to meet, and to work on a community project that will draw the community together.

Thank you for considering my support.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my full support of the community garden project that is currently being proposed for the Austin Place/Farm Road area.

I was very excited to hear about the project a few weeks ago and got in touch with the organisers to express my support and willingness to help. Seeing things progress over the recent days has built this excitement further.

In addition to my personal interest, I believe that this project is valuable for the following reasons;

I believe that this project will help to build stronger community links in the area. I believe that projects of this sort are invaluable in cultivating good relationships within communities and in battling loneliness.

I believe that this project will be valuable in terms of developing new skills in the community. I personally am looking forward to learning more about gardening from others who are involved.

I believe that this is a valuable project in terms of improving biodiversity in the local area, for example; by encouraging more bird and insect life. From an environmental perspective, I believe these sorts of projects are useful ones to undertake as small actions in response to global climate change.

For these reasons, I hope that you will give permission for us to go ahead with the project.

Yours sincerely

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Dear sirs.

I would like to register my support for the Dunmore Community garden.

I live at Austin Place and have done for over 55 years.

I think it's a brilliant idea.

Thank you

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Good afternoon,

I am aware that there is a community garden project being proposed for the site next to the site of Dunmore Nursery, which has now sadly closed.

I hope this project finds support with the Council as I think it will be a constructive way to make use of a piece of land that is currently just being mown over. The project sounds like it will bring the community together to organise it as well as encouraging local plants and wildlife.

Kind regards,

Hi, This is \_\_\_ from Austin PI, Abingdon OX14 1LY and would like to register my support for Dunmore Community Garden.

Best regards

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Hi, my name is \_\_\_ and I live at Austin Place, near the suggested community garden space. I, and my Husband, support the idea and look forward to something to bring the community together.

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Dear councillors,

This is just an email to register my wholehearted support for the Community Garden project. Happy to go into details if needed, but I think you are well informed about the plan and its benefits.

Best wishes,

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Hi

I live at Austin Place a few doors away from the field in question and absolutely fully support the idea of this community garden.

It is such a brilliant idea to bring our community together using their skills and connections to enable this all to be a success.

Families and individuals can meet with others in a relaxed friendly area or just sit quietly in a peaceful setting.

There is so much to gain from this idea bringing nature and people together.

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I'm writing to support the plan to establish a Community Garden on the Dunmore Farm Estate. I believe this project will provide opportunities for neighbours to meet and reduce isolation. In addition it will provide new habitats for wildlife and a source of freshly grown produce for local people.

I hope the council will support this project.