

Landworkers' Alliance/Sustain Climate Action Fund Bid
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Attn: Charlotte Steel

By email to: Charlotte Steel (LWA), Katy Barker (Growing Communities)

Date: 04/07/2023

Letter of support for National Lottery Climate Action Fund *Tasting a Better Future* bid

Dear Charlotte,

This letter confirms our support for Growing Communities' involvement as a Climate Hub in the Tasting a Better Future initiative.

Growing Communities' Dagenham Farm is a vital organisation/growing space for the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham (LBBD) as we develop our strategic approach to food. In March 2023, we launched our cross-sector Food Partnership, a group of organisations and individuals that will build a collective vision and action plan for a fairer and more sustainable food system, and buoyant local food economy. We are delighted that Growing Communities is a member of the advisory group.

In research we commissioned in 2022, 85% residents wanted more food growing spaces, training opportunities and activities in their local area, and 69% said accessing land was an issue for people wanting to grow their own food in the borough. Through our Food Partnership, which includes an evolving food-growing and land use community network, we will continue to develop programmes and initiatives to support more residents to grow their own food, including outreach and providing more skills and resources to residents on the ground. This year, we have already commissioned Dagenham Farm to train young people from one primary school as part of our school food programme, and we hope to roll this out to more schools in the coming years.

The Tasting a Better Future project's aims align closely with LBBD's priorities for food strategy in the borough. Therefore, if National Lottery Climate Action funding is awarded, we will gladly promote and amplify the projects' activities at Dagenham Farm to ensure maximum impact and benefit in the borough.

Sincerely,



Jo Wilson

Food Sector Development Lead

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham