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Dear [REDACTED] and Forward Planning Office

I live in a rental flat in Rosetta Road, Peebles, and have just got an allotment in the [REDACTED] off [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I am delighted as I am concerned about food supplies in the pandemic and following Brexit. It gives me a sense of security to be able to grow my own. Many of the allotment holders have already shared some of their crops with me and I feel healthier for it.

I notice that many of the holders are retired men in particular, and that the community of fellow gardeners cheers them up no end. It is so good for their mental and social health. There are widows and young families too.

I am writing to ask you to preserve the allotment garden for community well-being and also the wildlife it supports. The activities of the allotment have spilled over into the Bonnie Peebles group that plants the town and makes it lovely for tourists. This feeds back into the local economy.

I hope that you will consider my representation at your planning meetings in the future.

With kind regards

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