**THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

**Community Asset Transfer Request by Footprint East Neuk – Purchase of Dreelside Woods, Anstruther**

**Representations Received**

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| **Representation** | Anstruther Improvement Association (received by e-mail 1st September 2022) |

Anstruther Improvements Association (AIA) is responding to the request for representations regarding the proposed community asset transfer of Dreelside Woods to Footprint East Neuk. The AIA has been working to support the members of the local community who have been progressing this proposal. Our organisation was represented on the working group; hosted the launch consultation event; provided Dreel Halls pro bono for the consultation event as part of the RSPB Big Bird Watch; welcomed Footprint East Neuk as part the summer Family Learning Roadshow held at Dreel Halls; and has worked with members of the Footprint East Neuk Community Asset Transfer team to tackle invasive species along the Dreel Burn, namely giant hogweed and Himalayan balsam. We are planning to support some upcoming events too, including a joint litter pick with Plastic Free Anstruther on the site, and a scything workshop later this month. We see Footprint East Neuk as a key partner in our ongoing Dreel Burn Project, an environmental project to restore the Dreel Burn habitat. We would like to express our whole-hearted support for the asset transfer of Dreelside Woods to Footprint East Neuk, as it provides an opportunity to increase community involvement in the Dreel Burn corridor and to protect the site for natural recreation and wildlife habitats.

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| **Representation** | Anstruther & District Allotment Association (received by e-mail 4th September 2022 |

On behalf of the Allotments we have no issues with East Neuk Footprint (ENF) taking over the Community Asset Transfer of the Dreelside Woods. We believe that it fits in better with their aims and constitution. Sadly, the former Chair of the Allotments has left the area and passed over the CAT application details to SP at ENF.

 Both AM and JC are keen Allotmenteers and have worked very closely with SP in East Neuk Footprint and many members of the allotment have a shared interest in this site going to a Group that will look after this unique environment and will actively enhance it.

They have our full support for this wonderful opportunity