



## Reference Section 7.8 and Document 21

2 November 2022

D Graham Wynd  
Chair  
Poets' Neuk  
c/o St Andrews Preservation Trust  
12 North Street  
St Andrews  
KY16 9PW

Dear Mr Wynd,

**POETS' NEUK - CB00230**

**LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016: APPLICATION BY A PART 5 COMMUNITY BODY FOR CONSENT TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO BUY LAND TO FURTHER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, IN RESPECT OF THE GROUND ON THE WEST SIDE OF GREYFRIARS GARDEN, ST ANDREWS, KY16 9HG, OPPOSITE NUMBER 1 GREYFRIARS GARDEN, FORMERLY GARDEN GROUND FOR THIS DWELLING**

The St Andrews Business Improvement District (BID) has, as its main aim, the promotion of the centre of St Andrews for the benefit of local businesses in the St Andrews BID area. It has been instrumental in raising funds through business levies for projects which improve the local amenity and environment. Local businesses vote to invest collectively in local improvements in St Andrews resulting in an improved business environment and improved local economic growth. BIDs are developed, managed, and paid for by the commercial sector by means of a compulsory BID levy and are an important vehicle in the Government's strategy for supporting sustainable economic growth in our towns and cities.

As the project has been explained to BID St Andrews, it supports the Poets' Neuk initiative to apply for consent to exercise the right to buy the private garden ground opposite 1 Greyfriars Garden, St Andrews, to further sustainable development. This privately-owned garden has been neglected for many years and BID St Andrews is of the view that this important green space could be utilised to improve the town centre. It is on the main route from the bus station to the main shopping area and it currently creates a very poor impression for visitors.

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BID St Andrews considers that the St Andrews Preservation Trust's approved plans to create a publicly accessible garden area with seating would prove a great asset - providing both an attractive green space, as well as a resting place for shoppers. The intention to mark the site of the historic Greyfriars monastery and inform visitors about its link to Mary Queen of Scots adds interest and introduces a cultural dimension that will underpin St Andrews' popularity as a place of culture and commerce.

BID St Andrews fully endorses the application by Poets' Neuk to register a community interest in the garden and very much hopes that the opportunity will be granted to develop this badly neglected land. If successful, BID St Andrews would wish to continue to be associated with the project.

Yours sincerely



Louise A Fraser  
Chair, BID St Andrews