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Dear XXXXXXXX

RE: Wakefield Council Allotments

As an Allotment Tenant who holds an Allotment Garden Agreement (Licence) to occupy a Council allotment, I wish to advise you that Wakefield Council have received an expression of interest from an organisation to manage the Council allotments. This expression of interest has been received in the form of a Community Right to Challenge (CRC).

The CRC is the right for community organisations to submit an expression of interest in running services of a local authority on behalf of that authority. There is a formal process where the community group formally registers their interest and submits comprehensive details of how this will be done. The Local Authority are compelled to seriously consider any request received. The link below is the government website providing guidance on this legislation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-right-to-challenge-statutory-guidance>

As a result of the expression of interest the Council are now going to put this opportunity to the open market, so other organisations have the same opportunity to express their interest in managing the Allotments owned by the Council. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage local community based management of the allotments and to encourage ongoing improvements to the allotment provision.

This formal process will commence shortly. During this process I can assure you that it is the Councils intention to ensure that should the management of the allotments pass to a community based organisation this will not impact on your day to day operation of your plot; there will be minimum changes that will affect plot holders; existing management practices will be followed and continued; however the Council will be looking for an organisation who are looking to provide improvements to the allotment provision.

The Council currently manages a number of allotments which are owned by other organisations, but the CRC process only affects allotment sites **owned** by the Council. We have attached a list of the allotments being marketed under this opportunity. Those with plots on sites not included in the list will be contacted after the full marketing process to inform them of what impact if any this process will have upon their sites.

The sites not included on the list may be affected at a later date if an alternative management company is identified but we will inform you of any alterations which arise in light of this in due course.

Should you require any further information then there are a series of FAQ's on the Council web site at: [www.wakefield.gov.uk/bins-and-environment/allotments](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/bins-and-environment/allotments) but please remain assured that you will be kept advised of any developments.

Yours sincerely

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