

NORTH KELVIN MEADOW CAMPAIGN

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LOCAL COMMUNITY FIGHTS TO SAVE NORTH KELVIN MEADOW FROM THE GCC BULLDOZERS

Glasgow, 11 June 2009:

Local residents in Maryhill have begun a campaign to save the NORTH KELVIN MEADOW, a community-run green space between Clouston Street and Kelbourne Street in Glasgow G20, from the Glasgow City Council (GCC) Bulldozers.

Having been neglected by GCC more more than two decades, the North Kelvin Meadow area has been cleaned up by local residents over the past year and turned into a community green space with raised-bed allotments, a fruit garden and composting facilities. Now the Council wants to bulldoze the whole lot to make way for 115 owner-occupied flats.

The land, which has never had building on it, is now home to some 15 community allotments and has attracted funding from the 02 It's Your Community Fund and from Shell. Over 100 local residents, including local school children, have been involved in transforming the land into a multi-used community green space.

"It's very clear this land has been made into a beautiful green space for the local community by the local community," says Douglas Peacock, chairman of the **NORTH KELVIN MEADOW CAMPAIGN**. "It's now up to those with influence to listen to the people and act to save this land from being sold for flats."

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The local community in Maryhill has vowed to fight the sale of an important local resource. An online petition has attracted signatures from over 200 supporters since it opened on 3 June, including well-known Glasgow writers Louise Welsh and Alasdair Gray.

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Notes for editors:

The petition can be found at: www.gopetition.com/online/28274.html

The **NORTH KELVIN MEADOW CAMPAIGN** was launched on 13 October 2008 after Glasgow City Councillor, Jim McKechnie, rejected out-of-hand the results of a survey conducted in August 2008 by Douglas Peacock, chairman of the **NORTH KELVIN MEADOW CAMPAIGN**. The survey showed local residents overwhelmingly supported the creation of a green space on the former Clouston Street pitches and opposed the Council's plan to sell the land to a property developer for the construction of 115 flats.

Since its launch the **NORTH KELVIN MEADOW CAMPAIGN** has worked to transform the former pitches, which have been disused for over two decades, into a multi-use community green space comprising allotments, an orchard and a wild meadow. Members of the local community have come together to clear the land of rubbish, repair and paint fences, and install composting facilities and raised-bed allotments.

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