



_____ June 2018

Dear _____

It has been brought to our attention that you are no longer an active user of _____ and may be participating in land banking. This practice is no longer tenable in this area.

In accordance with protocol 3.2 of the Land and Water Cooperative (LAWC), as agreed at the AGM held on Monday, 18th June 2018, it has been decided that action will be taken to seize and subsequently recommon freeholds which are not being actively used by their current owners. Your current freehold falls within this jurisdiction. Please note that this will not affect any use of property on the site by current active users (eg. tenants). These users may continue to occupy the site as useholders, in line with the LAWC protocol 3.3.

This is in keeping with the objective of the LAWC, which is **to institute an economy of land, as commons, in favour of those who actively use it**. The LAWC defines commons **as land that the cooperative locks and retains for individual and collective benefit**. The area in question, in which the above address falls, includes all land within 300 m of the Glasgow Canal between Firhill and Pinkston Watersports.

As you may be aware, the practice of land banking, whereby absent landlords retain control of derelict or underused land with the aim of making considerable financial gains in a future market, prevents local communities from benefitting from the land asset in the area.

By transferring land ownership into the hands of the collective body, the Land and Water Cooperative, those that actively use the area can work together to ensure that any future uses are in the interest of the commons, as stated, rather than in the interests of those who have no active part to play in the area.

We trust that you understand the need for this protocol, and will comply forthwith.

Regards,

The Land and Water Cooperative