

**Councillor Norman Hampshire
Dunbar & East Linton Ward
East Lothian Council
Town House
Haddington
26th March 2010**

**Dunbar Community Bakery
High Street
Dunbar**

Dear Sir

Support for the development of a Community Bakery

I would like to confirm my support for the development of a Community Bakery in Dunbar. I have always welcomed the investment in any new business in the Dunbar Community and the creation of new Jobs. I have been a resident in Dunbar all my life and have been in business in the town with my wife for the last 23years.

I am very aware of how difficult it is to operate a business in a small community that has very little incoming trade. All the business in the Dunbar Community need to work hard to keep their business going and protect the jobs they provide.

The development of the bakery will be difficult in the Dunbar area and a major commitment to all involved. It is a business with very unsocial hours and needs to continually provide good quality goods. I wish all involved all the best in their endeavours to make this Bakery a success.

The capital required to deliver the Baker is substantial and sustaining the revenue costs to keep the business operating will be a major challenge. I am aware that the Bakery has received grant funding in support of this venture that will help reduce some of the pressure. I hope that any funding you receive is also available to any other similar High Street business to make sure we have fair competition in the town.

If you require any additional information form me please do not hesitate to contact me at this email address nhampshire@eastlothian.gov.uk or by phone on 07866607203.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Norman Hampshire

