**Ground Investigation Report – Justification for Raised Beds**

The ground investigation report undertaken by WSP found that levels of lead exist across the site. At Craigfoot Field, there have been no known historical uses of lead so it was assumed either none would present, or that naturally occurring levels fall within safe levels for human. After a variety of desktop and site surveys, it was found that high levels of lead were present on the South section of the site. While this level of lead doesn’t exceed open space levels requirements, it does for food growing, and as such there is a requirement to develop the site with the use of raised beds to enable safe growing. The raised beds will provide at least a 600mm cap of soil to ensure there is no contamination to any produce.

Additionally, the site lies on a floodplain as outlined the suite of documents, and SEPA had advised we could neither raise the ground levels or build any permanent structures on site and therefore taking into account lead levels and high water ground levels, a solution was found by the incorporation of raised beds.

It should additionally be noted, the Council are aware some growing is happening on site, and based on the above information, **no produce should be consumed for human purposes** until the area of ground is tested. It maybe