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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Lee

**BLACK ROCK MILLS  
SOIL CAP VALIDATION FOR PLOTS 40-49 INCLUSIVE**

A site visit was undertaken on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to confirm the suitability of the topsoil stockpiled on site for use within the rear gardens of plots 40-49 Inclusive. Four representative samples of the material were taken to cover these plots.

All analysis was performed at a UKAS accredited laboratory using MCERTS certified tests where possible. All soil samples were analysed for the following:

The LQM/CIEH Suitable 4 Use Levels for human health risk assessment (015) taken from DEFRA C4SL Database:

- Range of heavy metals and metalloids (including Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Nickel Selenium and Zinc)
- Speciated PAH (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) including: Napthalene, Acenaphthylene, Acenaphthene, Fluorene, Phenanthrene, Anthracene, Fluoranthene, Pyrene, Benzo(a)anthracene, Chrysene, Benzo(b)fluoranthene, Benzo(k)fluoranthene, Benzo(a)pyrene, Indeno(123cd)pyrene, Dibenz(ah)anthracene, Benzo(ghi)perylene, Total PAH, Total Aromatic & Aliphatic Hydrocarbons.
- Speciated TPH (Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons) including: Extractable and Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons
- Asbestos screen

**Risk screening**

A soil screening exercise was conducted by comparing maximum observed soil quality results with a set of screening values. These screening values represent threshold soil concentrations above which there may be an unacceptable risk to human health and are based on standard residential land use. None of the substances tested for exceeded the LQM/CIEH Suitable 4 Use Levels for human health risk assessment (015) taken from DEFRA C4SL Database. The sample was also screened for Asbestos - No asbestos fibres were detected in the soil sample. As such, based on the available laboratory data, no potential contaminants of concern have been identified in the soil samples.

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## **Depth Validation**

The soil cap comprised exclusively topsoil. Trial holes dug in the rear gardens of plots 40-49 confirmed sufficient thickness of as-placed soil.

## **Conclusions**

On the basis of the information and data collected and presented, Dunelm Geotechnical & Environmental Ltd can verify that the samples taken and subsequent chemical analysis and assessment of the soils have not identified any constituents that could be considered to represent a risk to human health within the context of proposed residential use.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Aiston', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Aiston  
For and on behalf of Dunelm Geotechnical & Environmental Ltd

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