Hackney Environment Directorate

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Re: Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 78: Determination of Contaminated Land

Dear Allotment Holder,

As part of Hackney Council's commitment to improving the environment, the quality of soil in all council owned allotments has been tested. As you are aware higher than permitted levels of lead and arsenic have been found in Aden Terrace, Queensbridge Road, Church Walk and part of Spring Lane.

As discussed in our letter sent to allotment holders on the 9th of March, 2005, we have been considering a multi-disciplinary approach to remediating these allotment sites. We also stated in this letter that the Council was committed, in partnership with allotment holders, to finding the most effective remedial technique for the allotments.

Therefore, we are formally inviting allotment holders of Aden Terrace, Queensbridge Road, Church Walk and those affected plots in Spring Lane to a public meeting to be held at the **Hackney Town Hall Assembly Room on the 18**th of **May 2005 at 7pm**, to discuss alternative risk assessment methods and alternative remediation techniques to remove this potential risk to human health posed by these allotment sites.

If you require any further information, or require further clarification about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at 020 8356 4827, and I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

Donal Fitzgibbon Contaminated Land Officer Environment Division