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For the Attention of: Mr J Ritchie – Case Officer
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Dear Mr Ritchie

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2016/44/94235/E

Discharge conditions 8, 10, 11, 12 on previous permission 2016/90021 for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two detached dwellings with integral garages - 18 Granny Lane, Lower Hopton, Mirfield, WF14 8LA

Thank you for your notification of 12 April 2017 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

The Coal Authority's interest lies in Condition 12 of the issued consent as this requires the following;

Development shall not commence until a Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report to establish the exact situation regarding coal mining legacy issues on the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The discharge of condition submission is supported by a Shallow Coal Mining Intrusive Investigation Report, dated 8 December 2016 and prepared by Patrick Parsons Ltd. This report sets out details of the intrusive site investigations carried out on site and their findings.

The report states that three boreholes have been drilled on site to depths of up to 41m and that these encountered three coal seams, in all instances these seams were proved as being intact with no evidence of mineworkings. The report authors also comment that they consider that there is adequate competent rock cover above the coal seams encountered.

Based on the findings of the intrusive investigations the report authors conclude that the site is not at risk from shallow historic mining related subsidence and no ground treatment or special structural precautions are required in this respect.

On the basis of the information submitted, and the professional opinion of the report authors set out therein, the Coal Authority would have **no objection** to the LPA discharging Condition 12 of the issued consent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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In formulating this response The Coal Authority has taken full account of the professional conclusions reached by the competent person who has prepared the Coal Mining Risk Assessment or other similar report. In the event that any future claim for liability arises in relation to this development The Coal Authority will take full account of the views, conclusions and mitigation previously expressed by the professional advisers for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.