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For the Attention of: Mr A Walker – Case Officer
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23 March 2017

Dear Mr Walker

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2017/62/90180/W

Erection of 95 dwellings with access from Yew Tree Road and Burn Road - Land at Ainley Top/Yew Tree Road/Burn Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2EQ – Re-consultation

Thank you for your notification of 3 March 2017 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the additional information submitted to support the above planning application.

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 Response: Additional Information Required

As you are aware the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

Additional information has now been submitted in the form of a Shaft Search Report, dated 28 April 2016 and prepared by Lithos Consulting. This report sets out details of the investigations carried out on site, in respect of the recorded mine entries. The Coal Authority is also aware that investigations have been carried out on the site which have been able to discount the potential for unrecorded shallow workings to be present.

I have sought technical advice on the information submitted in respect of the mine entries on the site. The Coal Authority is pleased to see that the layout of the development appears to have been informed by the established location of these mine entries. My colleague has requested that details and specifications of the remedial measures proposed, including shaft caps, are provided in order that we can comment in detail, especially as these features are close to the buildings proposed. He has also requested

that confirmation is provided as to whether or not Plots 53 to 57 will have a piled foundation solution.

On this basis please consider this letter a **holding objection** from the Coal Authority.

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.