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For the Attention of: Ms E Thompson – Case Officer
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31 August 2017

Dear Ms Thompson

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2017/62/91047/E

Part demolition of fire station and erection of 4no. warehouse units and 4no. Apartments; Former Fire Station, Huddersfield Road, Scout Hill, Dewsbury, WF13 3EF – Re-consultation

Thank you for your notification of 24 August 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: Fundamental Concern

The application is now supported by a Phase 1 Desk Top Geo-environmental Report, dated August 2017 and prepared by Haigh Huddleston & Associates. This report states that it was commissioned to examine the risk of contamination on the site.

This report does not address any of the issues raised in our previous correspondence to the LPA, dated 14 July 2017. The Coal Authority therefore considers that our previous comments and recommendations, as set out in our letter of the 14 July 2017, are still valid and relevant to the decision making process.

We have no specific comments to make on the Phase 1 Desk Top Geo-environmental Report, which considers contamination issues.

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

Yours sincerely

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General Information for the Applicant

Under the Coal Industry Act 1994 any intrusive activities, including initial site investigation boreholes, and/or any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings/coal mine entries for ground stability purposes require the prior written permission of The Coal Authority, since such activities can have serious public health and safety implications. Failure to obtain permission will result in trespass, with the potential for court action. In the event that you are proposing to undertake such work in the Forest of Dean local authority area our permission may not be required; it is recommended that you check with us prior to commencing any works. Application forms for Coal Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Coal Authority's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property>

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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.