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Our Reference: CI-343990

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Dear Mrs Littlewood

Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991
1 Parkside, Flockton, Wakefield, WF4 4AD

I refer to your Damage Notification on the 24th June 2013

The responsible person for your claim as defined by the Coal Industry Act 1994 is The Coal Authority, whose registered address is shown above.

Having investigated the claim, I must advise you that The Coal Authority does not agree that it has a remedial obligation in respect of the whole or any part of the damage specified in your Damage Notification

The reasons for this decision are:-

The last recorded underground coal mining that worked within the vicinity of the property occurred in 1975 at a depth of 198m, any ground movements associated with those workings would have ceased at that time or a short time thereafter. There are no recorded shallow coal workings in the vicinity of the property.

On 19th December 2011, we undertook borehole drilling, using a water flush, around the property, and did not encounter any voids or broken ground. The boreholes returned the flush throughout drilling, indicating that there is no broken ground. During drilling we first encountered made ground at the surface ranging in thickness from 0.3m to 1.6m, followed by a layer of stoney stiff clays. We believe the damage you have experienced is due to the movement of this ground during periods of dry and wet weather.

If you wish to dispute this decision, you have the right to seek arbitration. Please contact IDRS Ltd (International Dispute Resolution Centre) for details of The Householders' Arbitration Scheme at IDRS Limited, International Dispute Resolution Centre, 70 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1EU. A charge of £80.00 (+20% VAT) Total: £96.00 in respect of the claimant's registration fee will be required, if an application for arbitration is made.

I regret that we cannot be of assistance on this particular case.

Yours sincerely

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