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For the Attention of: Francis Davies – Case Officer
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20th December 2018

Dear Francis

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2018/62/93122/W

Erection of detached dwelling; Adjacent, 198 Yew Tree Road, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield, Kirklees, HD2 2EQ

Thank you for your consultation letter of 11 December 2018 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above planning application.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of 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: **Material Consideration**

I have reviewed the proposals and confirm that the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area; therefore within the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards which need to be considered in relation to the determination of this planning application.

The Coal Authority records indicate that the application site is subject to likely historic unrecorded coal mine workings at shallow depth.

This planning application is supported by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment dated 21st June 2018 and prepared by Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd. This report is informed by an appropriate range of geological and coal mining information such as a Coal Mining Report, BGS Maps and BGS Borehole Logs.

The report author has reviewed the available geological and coal mining information and has concluded that there is sufficient overburden above potentially worked seams below the site as to mitigate the risk of surface stability. The report author therefore recommends that it is not necessary to undertake any further investigation or specific construction methods to reduce the risk of instability within the development site.

On the basis of the information submitted, and the professional opinion of the report author set out therein, the Coal Authority has **no objection** to proposed development.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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Disclaimer

The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available data on the date of the response, and electronic consultation records held by The Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this response may be subject to review and amendment by The Coal Authority if additional or new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the Applicant for consultation purposes.

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.