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For the Attention of: Liz Chippendale – Case Officer
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[By Email: DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk]

13 March 2019

Dear Ms Chippendale

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2019/62/90498/E

**Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage at Adjacent to 41 Stockhill Street,
Dewsbury, Kirklees, WF13 2JE**

Thank you for your consultation letter of 7 March 2019 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 marginally within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority records indicate that within the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards which should be considered as part of development proposals.

Our information indicates that part of the application site may have been subject to past coal mining activities, specifically the buffer zone associated with an outcropping coal seam which may have been worked in the past extends marginally into the very western part of the application. However, this buffer zone associated does not extend to the specific part of the site where new development is proposed.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

As you will be aware, the Coal Authority's general approach in cases where development is proposed within the Development High Risk Area is to recommend that the applicant obtains coal mining information for the application site and submits a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to support the planning application.

However, when considering this particular proposal; whilst there are potential mining features within the application site, the specific part of the site where new development is proposed actually falls outside the defined Development High Risk Area. Therefore we do not consider that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment is necessary for this proposal and **do not object** to this planning application.

Nevertheless, if this proposal is granted planning permission, in the interests of public safety the Coal Authority would recommend that the following wording is included as an Informative Note within the Decision Notice:

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/coalauthority

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

Yours sincerely

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