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For the Attention of: Nia Thomas – Case Officer
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3 December 2019

Dear Nia

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2019/62/93591/E

Demolition of side extension and erection of attached dwelling; 115 Northway, Northway, Mirfield, Kirklees, WF14 0LT

Thank you for your consultation letter of 15 November 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 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 site has been subject to historic recorded underground coal mining at shallow.

The applicant has obtained appropriate and up-to-date coal mining information for the proposed development site; including a Coal Mining Report, OS historical mapping, BGS geological mapping and borehole data and information from past desk based assessments and site investigation reports.

This information has been used to inform the Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report (February 2015, prepared by John Newton & Partners), which accompanies the planning application.

Based on this review of existing mining information, Section 4 of the Report correctly identifies the Blocking seam which has been worked at a depth of 29m. On the basis that this corresponds with information held by The Coal Authority and that the Report goes on to confirm sufficient cover, The Coal Authority concurs with the recommendations made (i.e. that site investigations would not be necessary).

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

The Coal Authority considers that the content and conclusions of the Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report are sufficient for the purposes of the planning system in demonstrating that the application site is safe and stable for the proposed development. The Coal Authority therefore has **no objection** to the 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 coal mining 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.