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For the Attention of: William Simcock – Case Officer
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24 September 2020

Dear William

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2020/62/91337/W

Erection of detached dwelling with associated works; land adjacent to 1a Mount Pleasant Lane, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, HD8 0AT

Thank you for your consultation letter of 10 September 2020 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:

The application site falls 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 need to be considered in relation to the determination of this planning application, specifically probable shallow coalmine workings and probable shallow coalmine workings associated with a thick coal seam outcrop.

The Coal Authority notes the submitted Coal Mining Risk Assessment (June 2020, prepared by Earth Environmental & Geotechnical Ltd), which accompanies the planning application and which has been informed by appropriate geological and mining information.

The report correctly identifies the conjectural position of the thick coal seam outcrop within close proximity of the application site and confirms the risks to ground stability.

Accordingly, the report proposes a raft foundation, which in this instance we consider proportionate and **do not raise any objections**, specifically as the part of the site where built development is proposed does not fall within the defined development High Risk Area.

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

Yours sincerely

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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.