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For the Attention of: Stuart Howden – Case Officer
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12 November 2020

Dear Stuart

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2020/62/91474/W

Formation of 55 space car park with associated works; former scrap yard adjacent to Canalside West, Firth Street, Huddersfield, Kirklees, HD1 3DB

Thank you for your consultation letter of 26 October 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: Material Consideration

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, specifically the site is potentially affected by historic unrecorded underground coal mining at shallow depth associated with a thick coal seam outcrop.

The Coal Authority notes the submitted Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report (19 May 2020, prepared by Eastwood & Partners), the bulk of which has been informed by the results of an intrusive site investigation undertaken on site. In this instance, on the basis that the report concludes that none of the boreholes encountered any evidence of shallow coalmine workings, just an intact thin coal seam, and that the site is considered to be stable with regard to coal extraction, the Coal Authority has no objections to this planning application.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

The Coal Authority considers that the content and conclusions of the information prepared by Eastwood & Partners is 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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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.