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For the Attention of: Mr V Grayson – Case Officer  
Kirklees Council

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12 August 2020

Dear Mr Grayson

**PLANNING APPLICATION: 2020/60/92331/E**

**Outline planning application for demolition of existing dwellings and development of phased, mixed use scheme comprising residential development (up to 1,354 dwellings), employment development (up to 35 hectares of B1(part a and c), B2, B8 uses), residential institution (C2) development (up to 1 hectare), a local centre (comprising A1/A2/A3/A4/A5/D1/D2 uses), a 2 form entry primary school including early years provision, green space, access and other associated infrastructure; Land East Of, Leeds Road, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury**

Thank you for your notification of 07 August 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: Substantive Concern**

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 the site has been subject to both recorded and probable shallow coal mining and the presence of 3no. recorded mine entries. The Coal Authority hold no treatment details for these mine entries, and due to the source data used

to plot the position of these mining features, there could be some deviation by several metres from the identified location. In addition, the south eastern part of site marginally intersects the boundary of a site from which coal has been removed by surface mining (opencast) methods.

The planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapters 1 and 2, April 2020 prepared by Deloitte Real Estate. Section 13.3 identifies that a Phase I Desk Study Report has previously been completed by Patrick Parsons and a Coal Mining Risk Assessment has been commissioned. However, on checking the LPA website, above Reports, (specifically the Coal Mining Risk Assessment) does not appear to have yet been made available for us to review / comment.

In light of the above, the Coal Authority currently **object** to this planning application however we welcome the opportunity to review and comment on the commissioned Coal Mining Risk Assessment in due course.

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

Yours sincerely

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