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For the Attention of: Mr A Monaghan – Case Officer
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[By Email: DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk]

01 December 2020

Dear Mr Monaghan

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2020/62/93855/E

Erection of single storey agricultural building and staff car parking at Woolrow Farm, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield, HD8 8LR

Thank you for your notification of 24 November 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.

I have reviewed the site location plans, the proposals and the supporting information submitted and available to view on the LPA website. I can confirm that the site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area and that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, or equivalent report, is required to support this application.

Specifically, our records indicate the presence of recorded coal mine workings at shallow depth.

I note a Coal Mining Risk Assessment (The Commercial Section at The Coal Authority, 28 August 2019) was submitted to accompany planning application **2019/62/91822/E**. This report has not been submitted as part of this current application. In addition, this report does not capture the red line boundary of this planning application. Therefore, the Coal Authority considers it inappropriate to use this report to inform its comments on this application at this time.

If it is the applicant's intention to secure the recommendations of this report in relation to this planning application, the Coal Authority would appreciate clarification of this. If this is not the case then the Coal Authority would expect the submission of a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to support these specific proposals.

The Coal Authority does not want to make specific comment on this planning application until the applicant has had an opportunity to make a response and clarify this matter.

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

Yours Sincerely,

George Weightman

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The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available 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.