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For the Attention of: Ms K Chew – Case Officer
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Dear Ms Chew

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2021/62/91046/W

Erection of single storey extension to side, new photo voltaic panels to roof, mezzanine to form first floor and alterations to front boundary wall; building at the junction of Beaumont Street / William Street, Huddersfield, Kirklees, HD1 6BG

Thank you for your consultation letter of 1 July 2021 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.

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 coal workings at shallow depth.

The supporting Coal Mining Risk Assessment (dated 6 April 2021, prepared by Soil & Structures Ltd), which accompanies the planning application correctly identifies that the application site may have been subject to past coal mining activity and has been informed by an appropriate range of sources of information.

Based on this review of existing sources of geological and mining information the report confirms that borehole records indicate that the Soft Bed coal seam is unlikely to have been worked beneath the site and that there is sufficient competent rock cover above it to afford ground stability. The report goes on to confirm that such risks are therefore considered very low, reinforced when considering the very minor nature of the development.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

The Coal Authority considers that the content and conclusions of the supporting Coal Mining Risk Assessment are sufficient for the purposes of the planning system in demonstrating that the application site is safe and stable. 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.

