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For the attention of: Mr N. Hirst – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

[By email: DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk]

19 February 2024

Dear Mr Hirst

Re: Planning application 2023/62/91116/E

Erection of 77 dwellings, with access from Darley Road and associated works at Land off Primrose Lane, Hightown, Liversedge – FURTHER RECONSULTATION

Thank you for your notification of 6 February 2024 seeking the further views of the Coal Authority on the above planning application.

The Coal Authority response: Substantive Concern

We last commented on this application in a letter to the LPA dated 5 July 2023 in which we maintained our objection to the proposal. In this letter, we advised that the additional supporting information did not satisfactorily demonstrate that the proposed layout of development had been suitably informed by the mine shafts and their associated zones of influence recorded to be present within the site.

We went on to recommend that further investigations should be undertaken prior to determination of the application in order to fully establish the risks posed by the mine shafts, to identify appropriate remedial and mitigatory measures to address these risks and to enable any necessary revisions to be made to the proposed detailed layout of development.

We note that the LPA is now in receipt of amended plans showing an increase in the number of proposed dwellings and addition/amended supporting documents, none of which would appear to relate to coal mining legacy matters. We wish to comment that the amended plans

and reports do not address the concerns we previously raised and we therefore **maintain our objection** to this application.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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