



The Coal
Authority



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



RTPI
Learning Partner

200 Lichfield Lane
Berry Hill
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG18 4RG

Tel: 01623 637 119 (Planning Enquiries)

Email: planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk

Web: www.gov.uk/coalauthority

For the Attention of: Victor Grayson – Case Officer
Kirklees Council

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

1 August 2023

Dear Victor

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2023/44/92145/E COND

Discharge of conditions 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 (coal mining investigation), 16 17 29 and 30 of previous permission 2021/90357 for works to existing sports facilities including erection of clubhouse; additional changing facilities building; boundary treatments; storage facilities and floodlighting; works to existing pitches creation of hybrid and 3G/synthetic pitches; multi sport training area and car park; East Bierley Playing Fields, Hunsworth Lane, East Bierley, BD4 6PU

Thank you for your consultation letter of 25 July 2023 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above discharge of condition application.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. 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:

Conditions 11 and 12 of the permission seek to ensure the undertaking of intrusive site investigations, the implementation of any necessary remedial measures and verification.

The Coal Authority notes the submitted Ground Investigation Report (January 2023, prepared by Soiltechnics Ltd), which has been submitted in support of the discharge of the aforementioned planning conditions. The content of the Report confirms the undertaking of an intrusive investigation comprising of rotary boreholes and the findings of historical investigations.

The Report confirms that no coal seams or shallow workings were encountered in any of the boreholes advanced within close proximity of where the proposed pavilion and changing building would be. All other aspects of the proposals meet with our Exemption Criteria. Consequently, the Coal Authority is satisfied that the issue of the potential for coal mining legacy to affect the proposed development has been adequately investigated. The Coal Authority would therefore **have no objections to the LPA discharging Conditions 11 and 12.**

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

Yours sincerely

Chris MacArthur

Chris MacArthur *B.Sc.(Hons), DipTP, MRTPI*
Planning Liaison Manager

Disclaimer

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