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This application relates to the proposed residential development of a site at Gomersal, Cleckheaton. The application is for 87 dwellings to the north of Cliffe Lane. The application has been supported by a “Built Heritage Assessment” that has reviewed the potential impact of the development on the local built heritage. This has identified all known listed buildings and potentially significant listed buildings in the search area within 1km of the site. The “Built Heritage Assessment” reviewed the possible impact of the development on the 20 designated Heritage Assets and a further 7 undesignated Heritage Assets. The “Built Heritage Assessment” has concluded that the development will have no significant impact, direct or indirect, on any designated or non-designated assets.

The “Built Heritage assessment” has not assessed the potential for buried archaeology to be present on the site. It has discussed the potential for coal mines, based on the Coal Authority Map, noting that the West Lane colliery was located in the field to the east of the site. This colliery is not shown on the 1854 map, is on the 1894 map and is marked as an old pit on the 1908 map.

There are two mine entrances marked on the Coal Authority Map at the west end of the site. There are not shown on the OS maps from 1854 onwards so the date is unknown for these features. It could be a very short lived pit or an early pit predating the 1854 OS map. The two possible mine entrances have been identified by geophysical survey and test pits striped across them as described in GeoDyne’s Reports submitted with the application. The test pits did not identify any structural remains related to the former mine entrances.

Regarding the potential for other archaeological remains to be present on the site, there are no known archaeological remains on the site or in the area around that could extend into the site. It is possible that there could be unknown archaeological remains present although the potential appears low.

No further archaeological works are recommended.

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