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**For the attention of: Edward Cheseldine – Case Officer**

Kirklees Council

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

20 March 2024

Dear Mr Cheseldine

**Re: 2024/62/90610/E**

**Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two storey dwelling; 22 CROWLEES ROAD, MIRFIELD, WF14 9PJ**

Thank you for your notification of 8 March 2024 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

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: **Fundamental Concern**

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 is required to be submitted to support this application.

The Coal Authority records indicate that the application site lies in an area of probable historic unrecorded shallow coal mining. Voids and broken/disturbed ground associated with such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.

In accordance with the agreed risk-based approach to development management in the defined Development High Risk Areas, the applicant should be informed that they need to submit a Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report to support this planning application. As no relevant information has been submitted at this time the Coal Authority **objects** to this planning application.

We acknowledge the content of the Supporting Statement prepared by Orange Design Studio that accompanies this application. However, as our records indicate that unrecorded shallow coal mining is present beneath the site, which could pose a risk to ground instability and public safety when new development is proposed (as is the case in this particular instance) these risks need to be assessed and addressed by a suitably qualified person who is competent in dealing with ground stability and coal mining related hazards.

The applicant can find information on planning applications and Coal Mining Risk Assessments on the link below:

[Planning applications and Coal Mining Risk Assessments - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

The Coal Authority would be very pleased to receive for further consultation and comment any additional information submitted by the applicant.

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

Yours sincerely

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**Planning & Development Manager**

Disclaimer

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