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**For the attention of: William Simcock – Case Officer**

Kirklees Council

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

12 August 2024

Dear Mr Simcock

**Re: 2024/62/91476/E**

**Erection of 24 dwellings; CLOUGH FARM, LONG LANE, EARLSHEATON, DEWSBURY, WF12 8LQ**

Thank you for your notification of 6 August 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: **Material Consideration**

I have reviewed the site location plans and can confirm that the site marginally lies within the defined Development High Risk Area (south-eastern corner) as defined by the Coal

Authority. We note that no built development is taking place within this part of the site, as illustrated on Drawing No. 0389\_LON\_103 Revision F (Proposed Site Plan).

Accordingly the area where development is proposed falls outside the defined Development High Risk Area, confirmed by the Geoenvironmental Appraisal (2986/1B, June 2020) prepared by Lithos Consulting Limited which accompanies this planning application. Section 5.3.3 concludes that the site is not considered to be at risk from shallow mine workings and an intrusive mining investigation is not considered necessary.

Although the development proposed is outside of the defined Development High Risk Area as the site lies within an area where coal mining activity has taken place it is requested that the following wording is included as an Informative Note on any planning permission granted:

***The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0800 288 4242.***

***Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:***  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority)

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

Yours sincerely

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The above consultation response is provided by the Coal Authority as a statutory consultee and is based upon the latest available data and the electronic consultation records held by the Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based on the

information provided to the Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or information that has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposed 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 advisors for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.*