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For the attention of: Nicole Helliwell – Case Officer
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[By email: DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk]

11 July 2024

Dear Nicole

Re: 2024/44/91698/E

Discharge of condition 3 (material samples), 11 (statement/declaration), 12 (drainage scheme) and 13 (storm events) on previous permission 2023/90171 for demolition and re-building of existing farmhouse with extensions and the erection of one dwelling (amended house type); land at Westfield Farm, Barnsley Road, Flockton, Huddersfield, WF4 4DW

Thank you for your notification of 8 July 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:

Prior to the commencement of any development, Condition 10 of the permission requires the undertaking of any necessary remedial/mitigation measures. Thereafter, and prior to the development being brought into use, Condition 11 requires the submission for

approval of a statement of declaration to confirm that the site is either safe and stable, or has been made safe and stable.

The applicant has submitted a letter (dated 2 May 2024) from Haigh Huddleston & Associates, the content of which confirms the undertaking of an additional investigation to the one undertaken previously. On the basis that the report attributes the previous voids to fractured sandstone, as opposed to shallow coal mine workings, and confirms that the site is considered to be safe and stable from a mining viewpoint, the Coal Authority would raise **no objections to the LPA discharging Conditions 10 and 11.**

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

Yours sincerely

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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.