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For the attention of: Mr W. Simcock – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

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

18 December 2025

Dear Mr Simcock

Re: Application 2024/44/92309/E

Discharge of details reserved by conditions 4 (coal mining remediation statement or declaration), 10 (Verification Report) and 12 (external artificial lighting) of previous permission 2024/91186 for variation of conditions 2 (plans and specifications) and 14 (Landscape Plan) of previous permission 2022/92718 at Oakroyd Hall, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw, BD11 2DY - RECONSULTATION

Thank you for your notification of 16 December 2025 seeking the further views of the Coal Authority (trading as the Mining Remediation Authority) on the above application.

The Coal Authority response:

As you are aware, our particular interest in this instance lies with Condition 4 of planning permission 2024/91186 which relates to coal mining legacy matters.

We last commented on this application in our letter of 8 December 2025. In this letter, we noted the submission of a Mineworkings Remediation report which confirmed the completion of remedial drilling and grouting works across the RTC yard in order to stabilise shallow mineworkings present. However, we were unable to recommend the discharge of Condition 4 on the basis that no information had been submitted to confirm the treatment of shallow mine workings across the wider application site.

We are therefore pleased to note that the applicant has now submitted a further Mineworkings Remediation report (30 May 2024, prepared by Groundshire Limited) in support of their application. This report confirms that remedial drilling and grouting works have also been carried out across RTC yard extension and sub-station elements of the approved scheme of development. The report author confirms that they '*consider that the mitigation undertaken is sufficient so that the site may be considered safe and stable from a legacy mine workings standpoint*'.

Based on the reports submitted and the professional opinions contained therein, the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team would now have no objection to the LPA discharging Condition 4 of the issued consent, in terms of coal mining legacy related land instability matters, should it see fit.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above number.

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 advisors for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.