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For the attention of: Ms L Bearcroft – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

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

5th February 2025

Dear Ms Bearcroft

Re: 2024/62/93326/W - Provision of a temporary compound as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade Programme; Bradley Nursery, Bradley Junction Industrial Estate, Leeds Road, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD2 1UR

Thank you for your notification of the 23rd January 2025 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 proposals and confirm that the application site falls within the Coal Authority's defined Development High Risk Area. Therefore within the application site and surrounding area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface or shallow depths. Parts of the site lie in areas of recorded and probable coal workings at shallow depth which may pose a risk to surface stability and public safety.

I note the submission of the Phase 1 Contaminated Land desk Study, which does mention coal mining but makes no assessment of land instability. However, it is noted that these

works are temporary and consist mainly of parking and storage areas. On this basis it would appear unreasonable to require the submission of a more detailed Coal Mining Risk Assessment and we **do not object** to this application.

As the site is in an area of recorded coal mining features it is requested that the following Informative Note is included on any approval granted.

The proposed development lies within an area that has been defined by the Mining Remediation Authority as containing coal mining features at surface or shallow depth. These features may include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and former surface mining sites. Although such features are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur, particularly as a result of new development taking place.

Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant land stability and public safety risks. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design which takes into account all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including mine gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries

Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Mining Remediation Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, excavations for foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Application forms for Coal Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Coal Authority's website at: www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property

[What is a permit and how to get one? - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/what-is-a-permit-and-how-to-get-one)

[Coal mining permit terms and conditions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/coal-mining-permit-terms-and-conditions)

In areas where shallow coal seams are present caution should be taken when carrying out any on site burning or heat focused activities.

If any future development has the potential to encounter coal seams which require excavating, for example excavation of building foundations, service trenches, development platforms, earthworks, non-coal mineral operations, an Incidental Coal Agreement will be required from the Coal Authority. Further information regarding Incidental Coal Agreements can be found here

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/incidental-coal-agreement/guidance-notes-for-applicants-for-incidental-coal-agreements>

If any coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0800 288 4242. Further information is available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK

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

Yours sincerely

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Disclaimer

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 purposes 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.