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RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

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Location:	916 Halifax Road Scholes, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire, BD19 6LS		
For:	Barnes Homes Ltd		
Report No.	C4305/24/E/6828.rev1	Report date:	September 2024

For and on behalf of **Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd**

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1. Introduction

It is understood that as part of the planning application at the site, a Coal Mining Risk Assessment has been requested by the planning authority. Consequently, a desktop study was commissioned in order to assess the risk to the development from coal mining. This report presents the findings of the study.

2. Geological Desk Study

The geological desk study has been undertaken using the following sources of information.

- British Geological Survey map sheet[1].
- British Geological Survey *Geology of Britain Viewer*[2].
- Coal Authority Consultants Coal Mining Report[3].
- British Geological Survey *Borehole Records*[4].
- RGS report no. C4305/24/E/6601 (May 2024)

[1] Sources: British Geological Survey (NERC) Map Sheet 77; Huddersfield Solid and Drift Editions
[2] Sources: British Geological Survey (NERC) Geology of Britain Viewer [*online resource from www.bgs.ac.uk*]
[3] Coal Authority Reference: 51003450575001 dated 17th September 2024.
[4] Sources: British Geological Survey (NERC) Borehole Records [*online resource from* http://www.bgs.ac.uk//]

2.1 British Geological Survey Maps and Viewer

The appropriate map sheet for the site and the geology viewer has been examined and the following table presents the indicated geology:

Table 1: Geological Data for the Site

Strata Type	Strata Name[5]	Previous Name[6]	Description[3]
Superficial Geology	None recorded	-	-
Solid Geology	Pennine Lower Coal Measures Formation	Grey Measures of Yorkshire and Nottingham	Interbedded grey mudstone, siltstone and pale grey sandstone, commonly with mudstones containing marine fossils in the lower part, and more numerous and thicker coal seams in the upper part.

There are no dip indicators relevant to the site (i.e. within 500m of the site or within the same fault block) on the geological map. However, considering the structure of the regional geology and outcrop patterns, it can be anticipated that the solid geology within the local area dips at shallow angles (around 2.2° towards the south).

There is one local coal seam that is shown to outcrop within the local area. This seam is summarised as follows:

Table 2: Summary of Coal Seams Within the Vicinity of the Site.

Seam Name	Seam Thickness[5]*	Outcrop Distance from Site[5]*	Anticipated Depth Below Site
Top Lousey Coal	0.40 – 0.80m	120m	15m to 20m
Trub Coal	0.00 – 0.50m	325m	Greater than 30m

*All distances are given as approximations only. It should be noted that coal seam thicknesses vary over relatively short distances

In light of the above and taking into account the regional structural geology and the topography of the area, the Top Lousey Coal seam is anticipated to be present at depths of less than 30m below the surface of the site.

[5] Sources: British Geological Survey (NERC) Map Sheets 77; Huddersfield; Solid and Drift Edition, and Geology of Britain Viewer [*online resource from www.bgs.ac.uk*]
[6] Sources: British Geological Survey (NERC) Lexicon of Named Rock Units [*online resource from www.bgs.ac.uk*]

2.2 Coal Authority Mines Report

As part of this study a Coal Authority Consultants Coal Mining Report has been obtained. The report is presented as Appendix 2 and for the purposes of discussion has been summarised below:

Table 3: Summary of the Consultant's Coal Mining Report

Has the report highlighted evidence or potential of:			
Ref	**Mining Feature**	**Yes/No**	**Comments**
1	Underground Coal Mining	Yes	Black Bed seam – 94m depth – Beneath site – 1.02m thickness – last worked 1868. Black Bed seam – 95m depth – Beneath site – 1.02m thickness – last worked 1882. Better Bed seam – 130m depth – Beneath site – 0.46m thickness – last worked 1900. Better Bed seam – 131m depth – Beneath site – 0.46m thickness – last worked 1900
2	Probable Unrecorded Shallow Workings	Yes	-
3	Spine Roadways at Shallow Depth	No	No spine roadway recorded at shallow depth.
4	Mine Entries	No	None recorded within 100m of the enquiry boundary.
5	Abandoned mine plans	Yes	Plans of abandoned mine workings below the site are suggested to be available by the Coal Authority.
6	Outcrops	No	No outcrops recorded.
7	Geological Faults	No	No faults, fissures or breaklines recorded.
8	Opencast Mines	No	None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.
9	Coal Authority Managed Tips	No	None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.
10	Site Investigations	No	None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary
11	Remediated Sites	No	None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary.
12	Coal Mining Subsidence	No	The Coal Authority has not received a damage notice or claim for the subject property, or any property within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary, since 31st October 1994. There is no current Stop Notice delaying the start of remedial works or repairs to the property. The Coal Authority is not aware of any request having been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.
13	Mine Gas	No	None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.
14	Mine Water Treatment Schemes	No	None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.
15	Future underground mining	No	For further information please see section 3 of the Consultant's Coal Mining Report (ref 51001915552001).
16	Coal mining licensing	No	
17	Court orders	No	
18	Section 46 notices	No	
19	Withdrawal of support notices	No	
20	Payments to owners of former copyhold land	No	

2.3 Geological Survey Borehole Records

The British Geological Survey (NERC) keeps borehole records from across Britain which are available for public viewing through their website[7]. As part of this study, the records in the area around the site have been reviewed in order to assist in establishing the geological conditions.

Unfortunately, in this instance, there are no borehole scans available within the vicinity of the site that will assist with this assessment. Whilst there are borehole scans present within 500m to the north, south and east of the site, these boreholes are not deep enough to penetrate the overlying rock stratigraphically above the Top Lousey Coal and Trub Coal seams. Therefore, these seams are not present within these boreholes. Furthermore, other borehole scans are available at a greater distance to the site within other faulted blocks. However, these are not anticipated to represent comparable ground conditions to those anticipated to be present below the site.

3. Risk Assessment

The risk to the stability of the proposed residential development has been evaluated from the data obtained and with reference to the following ratings and definitions:

Low - The possibility of instability is unlikely therefore no further action is necessary.

Moderate - The possibility of instability is likely and further investigation or remedial action may be required.

High - The possibility of instability is highly likely and further investigation or remedial action will be necessary.

Table 4: Development Specific Risk Assessment

Item	Risk Attributed to	Coal Seam(s) Considered	Risk Rating
3.1	Shallow coal workings	Top Lousey Coal (TL)	Low
		Trub Coal (Tr)	Low
3.2	Coal workings at depth	The Coal Authority report indicates that the property is not within a surface area that could affected by past underground mining.	Low
3.3	Mine gas	Shallow coal workings	Low

3.1 Risks Posed by Shallow Coal Workings

On the basis of all of the information provided above, one coal seam is anticipated to be present within 30m of the surface at the site. Whilst this seam may be of limited thickness, the possibility of this seam being worked below the site cannot be ruled out. Historic coal mining activity is evident in the nearby area, and therefore it is considered that if coal was known to be close to ground level it could have been removed illicitly via shallow mining methods with relative ease.

It may be noted that guidance available from both the NHBC and the CIRIA publication, SP32 - *construction over abandoned mine workings,* suggests that competent overburden thickness above a coal seam should be greater than 10 times the thickness of a seam plus seam thickness in order that the collapse of workings would pose a low risk to surface structures.

On this basis, assuming a maximum thickness of the coal seam, the table below suggests the thickness of competent overburden required above the seam to mitigate instability at the surface.

Table 5: Required Thickness of Competent Overburden

Seam Name	Seam Thickness	Anticipated Depth Below Site	Required Thickness of Competent Overburden
Top Lousey Coal (TL)	0.4 – 0.8m	15m – 20m	8.80m

Based on the above information, it is considered that there will be a sufficient thickness of competent overburden above the shallowest seam in order to prevent the risk of instability posed by the presence of any illicit workings. Therefore, a low risk rating has been placed on these seams, and further investigation is not required to prove or disprove the presence of illicit mining activity.

3.2 Risks Posed by Coal Workings at Depth

In regard to deeper mining which could affect the site, the property is not within a surface area that could be affected by past underground mining.

3.3 Risks Posed by Mine Gas

The Consultants Coal Mining Report has not reported any incidents of mine gas within the vicinity of the development. Moreover, no recorded workings are present, therefore if workings are present they shall be illicit in nature. Currently is not considered that there any pathways to the surface, as geological faulting in the area is limited. Furthermore, the geological maps suggest that mudstone (not readily permeable strata) is present to depth. As such, the risks posed by the migration of mine gas can be considered low, such that no further action is required.

With respect to deep mine workings, it is considered that these workings usually have a limited number of entries and connections, with the entries usually having been filled and seamed with gas tight plugs and connections securely stopped off. As such, it is typical that these mines represent a low risk of mines gas.

4. Conclusions

In light of the potential risks of instability at the site from the working of shallow coal, it can be concluded that any illicit coal voids within shallow coal workings below the site pose minimal risk to future developments. Furthermore, given the anticipated depths, any illicit workings are not anticipated to represent a significant gas risk. As such, it is considered that no further action is required. It should be appreciated however that the Coal Authority and Local Authority are the final arbiters on such matters, therefore this assessment should be submitted for review prior to any construction.

It is of note that Rogers Geotechnical Services would be happy to assist in any further intrusive investigation that may be required.

Appendix 1

Site Plan

Notes:

Investigation positions approximated from site operative's notes.

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Project Details:

916 Halifax Road, Scholes

Scale:	Not to scale - reference only

Appendix 2

Coal Authority Report

The Coal Authority

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Coal Mining Report

Halifax Road
Hartshead Moor
Cleckheaton
Kirklees
BD19 6LS

Date of enquiry:	**17 September 2024**
Date enquiry received:	**17 September 2024**
Issue date:	**17 September 2024**
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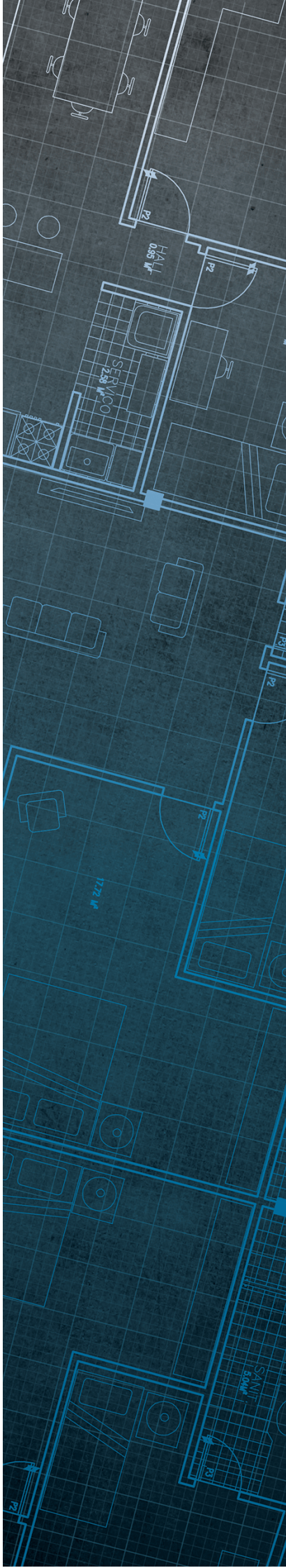
Your reference:	**C/4305/24/E/6828**



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This report is based on and limited to the records held by the Coal Authority at the time the report was produced.

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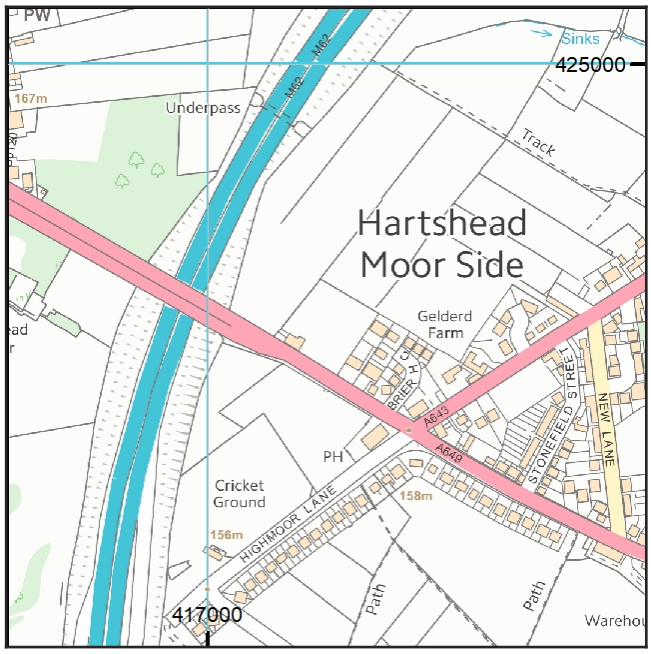

Approximate position of property

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Section 1 – Mining activity and geology

Past underground mining

Colliery	Seam	Mineral	Coal Authority reference	Depth (m)	Direction to working	Dipping rate of seam worked (degrees)	Dipped direction of seam worked	Extraction thickness (cm)	Year last mined
unnamed	BLACK BED	Coal	5UBX	94	Beneath Property	2.2	South	102	1868
unnamed	BLACK BED	Coal	5U1Y	95	Beneath Property	2.2	South	102	1882
unnamed	BETTER BED	Coal	5U8Y	130	Beneath Property	2.2	South	46	1900
unnamed	BETTER BED	Coal	5UBY	131	Beneath Property	2.2	South	46	1900

Probable unrecorded shallow workings

Yes.

Spine roadways at shallow depth

No spine roadway recorded at shallow depth.

Mine entries

None recorded within 100 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers

The following abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers intersect with some, or all, of the enquiry boundary:

M145	M146	M49
LM40	M148	LM3
LM39	GCR161	9784

Our records show we have more plans than those shown above which could affect the enquiry boundary.

Please contact us on 0345 762 6848 to determine the exact abandoned mine plans you require based on your needs.

Outcrops

No outcrops recorded.

Geological faults, fissures and breaklines

No faults, fissures or breaklines recorded.

Opencast mines

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Coal Authority managed tips

None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Section 2 – Investigative or remedial activity

Please refer to the 'Summary of findings' map (on separate sheet) for details of any activity within the area of the site boundary.

Site investigations
None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Remediated sites
None recorded within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Coal mining subsidence
The Coal Authority has not received a damage notice or claim for the subject property, or any property within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary, since 31 October 1994.

There is no current Stop Notice delaying the start of remedial works or repairs to the property.

The Coal Authority is not aware of any request having been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

Mine gas
None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Mine water treatment schemes
None recorded within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Section 3 – Licensing and future mining activity

Future underground mining
None recorded.

Coal mining licensing
None recorded within 200 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Court orders
None recorded.

Section 46 notices
No notices have been given, under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991, stating that the land is at risk of subsidence.

Withdrawal of support notices
The property is not in an area where a notice to withdraw support has been given.

The property is not in an area where a notice has been given under section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994, cancelling the entitlement to withdraw support.

Payments to owners of former copyhold land
The property is not in an area where a relevant notice has been published under the Coal Industry Act 1975/Coal Industry Act 1994.

Section 4 – Further information

The following potential risks have been identified and as part of your risk assessment should be investigated further.

Future development

If development proposals are being considered, technical advice relating to both the investigation of coal and former coal mines and their treatment should be obtained before beginning work on site. All proposals should apply specialist engineering practice required for former mining areas. No development should be undertaken that intersects, disturbs or interferes with any coal or coal mines without first obtaining the permission of the Coal Authority.

MINE GAS: Please note, if there are no recorded instances of mine gas within 500m of the enquiry boundary, this does not mean that mine gas is not present within the vicinity. The Coal Authority Mine Gas data is limited to only those sites where a Mine Gas incident has been recorded. Developers should be aware that the investigation of coal seams, mine workings or mine entries may have the potential to generate and/or displace underground gases. Associated risks both to the development site and any neighbouring land or properties should be fully considered when undertaking any ground works. The need for effective measures to prevent gases migrating onto any land or into any properties, either during investigation or remediation work, or after development must also be assessed and properly addressed. In these instances, the Coal Authority recommends that a more detailed Gas Risk Assessment is undertaken by a competent assessor.

Development advice

The site is within an area of historical coal mining activity. Should you require advice and/or support on understanding the mining legacy, its risks to your development or what next steps you need to take, please contact us.

For further information on specific site or ground investigations in relation to any issues raised in Section 4, please call us on 0345 762 6848 or email us at groundstability@coal.gov.uk.

Section 5 – Data definitions

The datasets used in this report have limitations and assumptions within their results. For more guidance on the data and the results specific to the enquiry boundary, please **call us on 0345 762 6848** or **email us at groundstability@coal.gov.uk.**

Past underground coal mining

Details of all recorded underground mining relative to the enquiry boundary. Only past underground workings where the enquiry boundary is within 0.7 times the depth of the workings (zone of likely physical influence) allowing for seam inclination, will be included.

Probable unrecorded shallow workings

Areas where the Coal Authority believes there to be unrecorded coal workings that exist at or close to the surface (less than 30 metres deep).

Spine roadways at shallow depth

Connecting roadways either, working to working, or, surface to working, both in-seam and cross measures that exist at or close to the surface (less than 30 metres deep), either within or within 10 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Mine entries

Details of any shaft or adit either within, or within 100 metres of the enquiry boundary including approximate location, brief treatment details where known, the mineral worked from the mine entry and conveyance details where the mine entry has previously been sold by the Authority or its predecessors British Coal or the National Coal Board.

Abandoned mine plan catalogue numbers

Plan numbers extracted from the abandoned mines catalogue containing details of coal and other mineral abandonment plans deposited via the Mines Inspectorate in accordance with the Coal Mines Regulation Act and Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act 1872. A maximum of 9 plan extents that intersect with the enquiry boundary will be included. This does not infer that the workings and/or mine entries shown on the abandonment plan will be relevant to the site/property boundary.

Outcrops

Details of seam outcrops will be included where the enquiry boundary intersects with a conjectured or actual seam outcrop location (derived by either the British Geological Survey or the Coal Authority) or intersects with a defined 50 metres buffer on the coal (dip) side of the outcrop. An indication of whether the Coal Authority believes the seam to be of sufficient thickness and/or quality to have been worked will also be included.

Geological faults, fissures and breaklines

Geological disturbances or fractures in the bedrock. Surface fault lines (British Geological Survey derived data) and fissures and breaklines (Coal Authority derived data) intersecting with the enquiry boundary will be included. In some circumstances faults, fissures or breaklines have been known to contribute to surface subsidence damage as a consequence of underground coal mining.

Opencast mines
Opencast coal sites from which coal has been removed in the past by opencast (surface) methods and where the enquiry boundary is within 500 metres of either the licence area, site boundary, excavation area (high wall) or coaling area.

Coal Authority managed tips
Locations of disused colliery tip sites owned and managed by the Coal Authority, located within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary.

Site investigations
Details of site investigations within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary where the Coal Authority has received information relating to coal mining risk investigation and/or remediation by third parties.

Remediated sites
Sites where the Coal Authority has undertaken remedial works either within or within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary following report of a hazard relating to coal mining under the Coal Authority's Emergency Surface Hazard Call Out procedures.

Coal mining subsidence
Details of alleged coal mining subsidence claims made since 31 October 1994 either within or within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary. Where the claim relates to the enquiry boundary confirmation of whether the claim was accepted, rejected or whether liability is still being determined will be given. Where the claim has been discharged, whether this was by repair, payment of compensation or a combination of both, the value of the claim, where known, will also be given.

Details of any current 'Stop Notice' deferring remedial works or repairs affecting the property/site, and if so the date of the notice.

Details of any request made to execute preventative works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991. If yes, whether any person withheld consent or failed to comply with any request to execute preventative works.

Mine gas
Reports of alleged mine gas emissions received by the Coal Authority, either within or within 500 metres of the enquiry boundary that subsequently required investigation and action by the Coal Authority to mitigate the effects of the mine gas emission. Please note, if there are no recorded instances of mine gas reported, this does not mean that mine gas is not present within the vicinity. The Coal Authority Mine Gas data is limited to only those sites where a Mine Gas incident has been recorded.

Mine water treatment schemes
Locations where the Coal Authority has constructed or operates assets that remove pollutants from mine water prior to the treated mine water being discharged into the receiving water body.

These schemes are part of the UK's strategy to meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. Schemes fall into 2 basic categories: Remedial – mitigating the impact of existing pollution or Preventative – preventing a future pollution incident.

Mine water treatment schemes generally consist of one or more primary settlement lagoons and one or more reed beds for secondary treatment. A small number are more specialised process treatment plants.

Future underground mining
Details of all planned underground mining relative to the enquiry boundary. Only those future workings where the enquiry boundary is within 0.7 times the depth of the workings (zone of likely physical influence) allowing for seam inclination will be included.

Coal mining licensing
Details of all licenses issued by the Coal Authority either within or within 200 metres of the enquiry boundary in relation to the under taking of surface coal mining, underground coal mining or underground coal gasification.

Court orders
Orders in respect of the working of coal under the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Acts of 1923 and 1966 or any statutory modification or amendment thereof.

Section 46 notices
Notice of proposals relating to underground coal mining operations that have been given under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

Withdrawal of support notices
Published notices of entitlement to withdraw support and the date of the notice. Details of any revocation notice withdrawing the entitlement to withdraw support given under Section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994.

Payment to owners of former copyhold land
Relevant notices which may affect the property and any subsequent notice of retained interests in coal and coal mines, acceptance or rejection notices and whether any compensation has been paid to a claimant.

The Coal Authority

Summary of findings

The map highlights any specific surface or subsurface features within or near to the boundary of the site.

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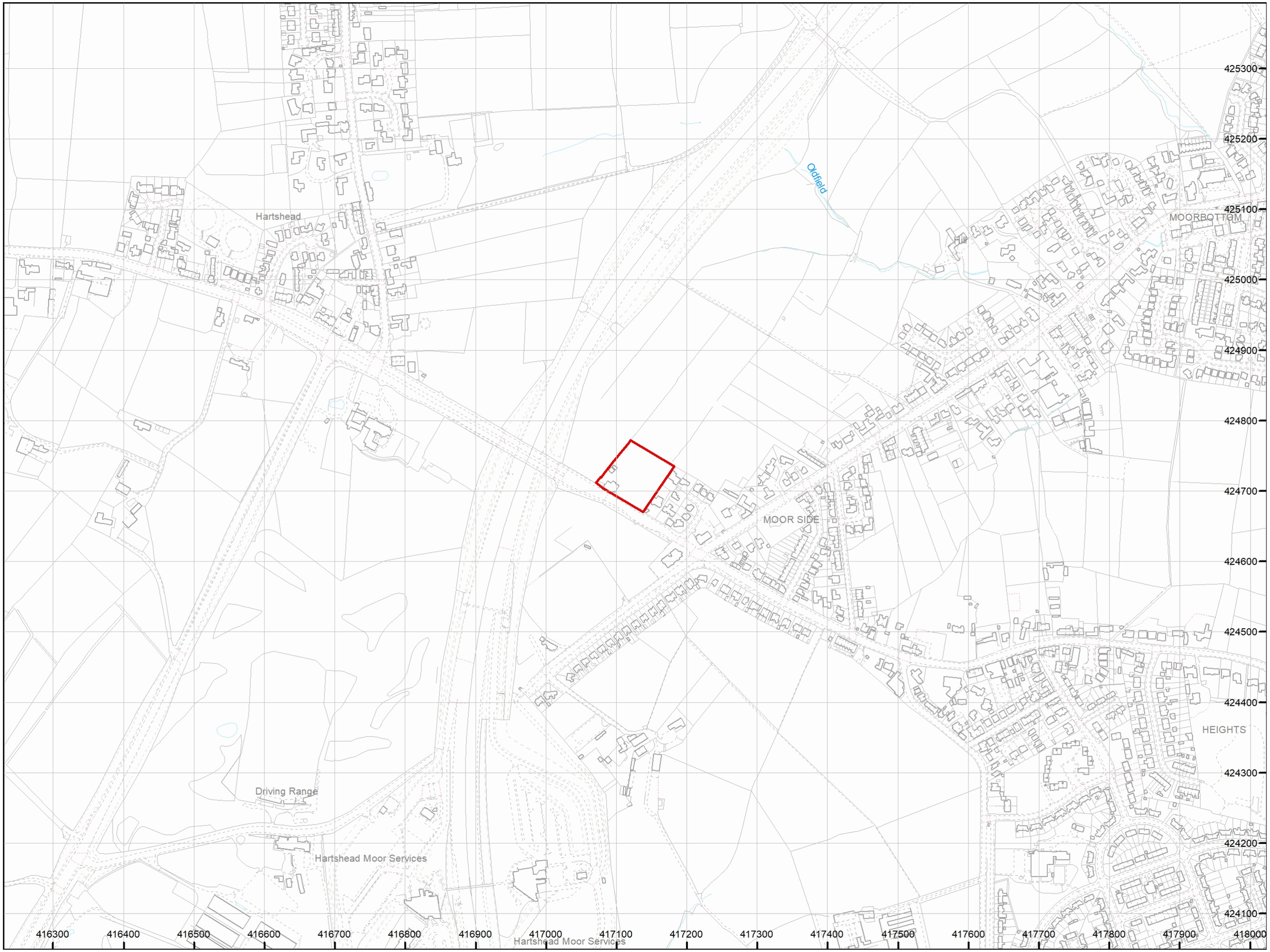
Approximate position of the enquiry boundary shown



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