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**For the attention of: Kerri Simpson – Case Officer**

Kirklees Council

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

9 May 2025

Dear Kerri

**Re: 2025/62/90910/E**

**Erection of 4 semi-detached dwellings; land off Caledonian Road, Savile Town, Dewsbury**

Thank you for your consultation letter of 25 April 2025 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above planning application.

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: Fundamental Concern**

I have reviewed the proposals and confirm that the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area; therefore within the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards which need to be considered in relation to the determination of this planning application.

In this instance the site is likely to have been subject to historic unrecorded underground coal mining at shallow depth. Voids and broken/disturbed ground associated with such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.

Notwithstanding the above, the Coal Authority **objects and considers that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment should be submitted, which is specific to both the exact site boundary and the proposed development.** The Coal Mining Risk Assessment, which accompanies this planning application relates to an adjacent site. Whilst the applicant has also submitted a Coal Mining Search Report, the submission of Coal Mining Report is not a Coal Mining Risk Assessment. The Coal Mining Search Report provides only baseline data; it does not provide an assessment of the risks to any proposed new development on the site.

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

Yours sincerely

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#### General Information for the Applicant

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 Mining Remediation Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Mining Remediation Authority's website at: [www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property](http://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))

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