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Dear Kerri

Re: 2025/62/90910/E

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

Thank you for your notification of 9 June 2025 seeking the further views of the Coal Authority on the above.

The Coal Authority response: **Material Consideration**

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.

The Coal Authority previously objected to this planning application, specifically on the basis that the accompanying Coal Mining Risk Assessment was neither specific to the exact site nor proposed development.

The Coal Authority is therefore now pleased to note the submitted Coal Mining Risk Assessment (2 June 2025, prepared by Arc Environmental Ltd), which accompanies the planning application. Appropriate coal mining and geological information, as well as information from ground reporting have informed the report.

Based on a review of the information obtained, and whilst the report correctly identifies the conjectured position of the nearby thick coal seam, the report confirms, that because of its location, it will not underlie the site. The report goes on to confirm that the next seam at shall depth is unlikely to have been worked due to its limited thickness, but will have sufficient competent rock cover above it to afford ground stability. Consequently, the report concludes that the site can be considered safe and stable from a coal mining viewpoint. The Coal Authority **therefore withdraws its objection to this planning application.**

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.

