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For the attention of: Edward Cheseldine – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

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

15 July 2025

Dear Edward

Re: 2025/62/91168/E

Demolition of existing garage and erection of MOT bay/service area (within a Conservation Area); Wilton Mills, 586 Bradford Road, Batley, WF17 8LP - RECONSULTATION

Thank you for your notification of 10 July 2025 seeking the further views of the Coal Authority on the above.

The Coal Authority response: **Material Consideration**

You will recall that we previously recommended the imposition of a planning condition to ensure the undertaking of intrusive investigations and any necessary remediation. This was based on the professional opinions of the competent person's Coal Mining Risk Assessment (date unknown) by Holdgate Consulting Ltd.

Notwithstanding the above, we now note the submitted letter (dated 10 July 2025, prepared by A N Consulting Engineers Ltd), which accompanies the planning application, the content of which has been informed from the results of intrusive investigations undertaken. The letter confirms that no shallow coal mine workings were encountered underlying the site, with only thin intact coal seams encountered. Consequently, on the

basis that the letter concludes that the proposed building is not at risk of instability the Coal Authority **is able to revise its previous recommendation and now has no objections to this planning application (unconditionally).**

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

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.