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**For the attention of: Nicole Helliwell – Case Officer**

Kirklees Council

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27 January 2026

Dear Nicole

**Re: 2025/62/91576/E**

**Erection of detached dwelling; Land Adj, 47 Cresswell Lane, Heckmondwike, WF13 4PJ  
- RECONSULTATION**

Thank you for your notification of 23 January 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on further information submitted in support of the above.

The Coal Authority response: **Material Consideration**

Following on from our previous letter to you dated 28 October 2025 we welcome the comments made from the applicant's consultant (your email dated 23 January 2026) that they remain satisfied that their *original conclusions stand*. I have recommended reinforcing the strip footings as a purely precautionary measure.

## The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

The Coal Authority considers that the content and conclusions of Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report (4485, July 2025) are sufficient for the purposes of the planning system in demonstrating (based on the professional opinion of Michael D Joyce Associates LLP: Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Consultants) that the application site is safe and stable for the proposed development. The Coal Authority has **no objection** to the proposed development.

We consider it prudent that the LPA add the following wording as an Informative Note to the Decision Notice should the LPA grant planning permission:

*The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242.*

Further information is also 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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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.

*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 advisors for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.*