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For the attention of: William Simcock – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

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

5 January 2026

Dear William

Re: 2025/44/92674/E

Discharge of details reserved by conditions 3 4 7 (remediation strategy), 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 19 24 26 29 31 32 33 and 34 of previous permission 2024/92444 for erection of 21 dwellings and associated works with means of access from Denby Lane; land north of Denby Lane, Grange Moor, Huddersfield, WF4 4BH

Thank you for your notification of 31 December 2025 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

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: **Substantive Concern**

Condition 7 of the permission states:

'Groundworks shall not commence until a Remediation Strategy by a suitably competent person has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The

Remediation Strategy shall include a timetable for the implementation and completion of the approved remediation measures.'

The applicant has submitted a Remedial Specification Report (20 June 2025, prepared by Groundtech Consulting Ltd) in support of the discharge of the aforementioned planning condition. However, on the basis that the Report does not include a Drill and Grout Specification for the consolidation of the previously identified shallow coalmine workings (i.e. as alluded to on page 12 of the Report), the Coal Authority **is unable to recommend the LPA discharge Condition 7.**

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

Yours sincerely

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