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**For the attention of: Ms N. Helliwell – Case Officer**

Kirklees Council

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23 January 2026

Dear Ms Helliwell

**Re: Application 2025/61/92727/E**

**Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 2021/92413 for erection of residential development at Land adjacent 52 Upper Batley Low Lane, Upper Batley, Batley, WF17 0AP**

Thank you for your notification of 23 January 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority (trading as the Mining Remediation Authority) on the above 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: MATERIAL CONSIDERATION**

The application site falls within the Development High Risk Area. Our records indicate that the site lies in an area where coal mining has taken place at shallow depth and where further historic unrecorded shallow coal mining is likely to have occurred. Such workings can pose a risk to ground stability and public safety.

You will be aware that the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team withdrew its objection to outline planning application 2021/92413, to which the current reserved matters application relates. This was subject to the imposition on any permission issued of

conditions to secure the investigation and, if necessary, the remediation of coal mining legacy affecting the site along with the verification of the works carried out. We are therefore pleased to note that coal mining legacy matters are addressed in Conditions 11 and 12 of the consent subsequently issued.

We understand from the application form that the applicant is now seeking approval from the LPA regarding the outstanding reserved matters details, including the layout of development. On the basis that appropriate coal mining legacy related conditions are attached to the outline consent and given that there are no recorded coal mining features, such as mine entries, which would influence the layout of the development, the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team wishes to raise **NO OBJECTION** to this reserved matters submission.

In due course, we would welcome the opportunity to review and to provide the LPA with comment on any information submitted by the applicant which addresses the specific requirements of Conditions 11 and 12 of the outline consent.

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

Yours sincerely

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