

Coal Mining Risk Assessment

Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Drive, Denby Dale, Huddersfield, HD8 8UZ

Denby Dale and District Men's Shed Association

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1. Introduction & Purpose

This desk-based Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) has been prepared to accompany a planning application for the conversion of the former Holy Trinity Church into a community woodworking and metalworking workshop, with a small garden classroom/shed. The purpose is to identify whether past coal mining activity poses any risk to the proposed development and to recommend any further work if required.

2. Site Description & Proposed Works

The site comprises the former Holy Trinity Church located on Trinity Drive, Denby Dale. The proposal involves internal conversion of the existing building and the construction of a lightweight garden classroom/shed on shallow foundations. No deep excavation, piling, or basement construction is proposed.

3. Sources Consulted & Methodology

The assessment has been prepared with reference to publicly available information from the Coal Authority / Mining Remediation Authority interactive mapping and relevant government guidance. This is a Level 1 (desk-based) assessment based on the applicant's description of proposed works and published geological and mining data.

4. Desk-Based Findings

A review of the Coal Authority / Mining Remediation Authority interactive mapping for postcode HD8 8UZ indicates that the application site lies outside the defined Coal Development High Risk Area.

Mapping confirms the following:

- No recorded mine entries (shafts or adits) within or adjacent to the site.
- No recorded or probable shallow coal workings beneath the site.
- No recorded coal outcrops or surface mining areas nearby.
- The site falls within a Coal Authority 'Development Low Risk Area'.

5. Risk Assessment

Based on the absence of recorded mining features, the site is considered to be at Low Risk from past coal mining activity. There is no requirement for intrusive ground investigation or special foundation measures. The proposed development, involving shallow works and light construction, is therefore suitable for the site conditions.

6. Conclusions & Recommendations

1. The site is outside the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area and no coal mining hazards are recorded.
2. The site is suitable for the proposed development without the need for intrusive investigation.
3. This CMRA satisfies the information requirements of Kirklees Council and the Coal Authority for low-risk sites.
4. Map extracts from the Coal Authority mapping should be included in Appendix B to support this report.

Appendices

Appendix A – Site Location Plan

Appendix B – Coal Authority Mapping Extracts (site in Low Risk Area; no features recorded)