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For the attention of: William Simcock – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

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

2 April 2026

Dear William

Re: I2025/62/93464/W

**Demolition of existing building and erection of industrial building; Spinksmire Mill,
Huddersfield Road, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 4AN**

Thank you for your notification of 27 March 2026 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: Material Consideration

I have reviewed the proposals and confirm that part of the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority records indicate that within that part of the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards, which should be considered as part of development proposals.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

As you will be aware, the Coal Authority's general approach in cases where development is proposed within the Development High Risk Area is to recommend that the applicant obtains coal mining information for the application site and submits a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to support the planning application.

However, when considering this particular proposal, the specific part of the site where the built development will be falls outside the defined Development High Risk Area. Therefore we do not consider that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment is necessary for this proposal and **do not object** to this planning application.

However, in the interests of public safety the Coal Authority would recommend that the following wording is included as an Informative Note within the Decision Notice:

If any coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0800 288 4242. Further information is available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: [Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK](https://www.mra.gov.uk/)

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

Yours sincerely

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