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For the attention of: Louise Bearcroft – Case Officer

Kirklees Council

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

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Dear Louise

Re: 2026/62/91401/W

Proposed electrification works including ground and gantry mounted chargers, overhead steel gantires and GRP feeder panels buildings; First Huddersfield, Old Fieldhouse Lane, Huddersfield, HD2 1AG

Thank you for your notification of 11 June 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**

The application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority records indicate that within the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards, which need to be considered in relation to the determination of this planning application, specifically actual shallow coal mine workings

and probable shallow coal mine workings associated with a thick coal seam outcrop. Voids and broken/disturbed ground associated with such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.

The Coal Authority notes the submitted Coal Mining Risk Assessment Phase 2 Ground Investigation (12 May 2026, prepared by Chevin Geoenviro Associates Ltd), which accompanies the planning application. The report correctly identifies the relevant coal mining legacy associated with the site but confirms that the seams were encountered intact with no evidence of any shallow coalmine workings below where the development is proposed. On the basis that the report goes on to confirm that instability risks are therefore considered to be very low, the Coal Authority **has no objections** to this planning application.

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

Yours sincerely

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The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available coal mining data on the date of the response, and electronic consultation records held by The Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this 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 advisers for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.



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