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For the Attention of: Mr N Hirst – Case Officer
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Dear Mr Hirst

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2021/61/91638/W

Reserved matters application pursuant to outline application no.2016/91479 (appeal no. APP/Z4718/W/17/3173711) for erection of 22 dwelling; Land At, Hart Street, Newsome, Huddersfield, Kirklees, HD4 6LS – Re-consultation

Thank you for your emailed received on the 7 June 2021 with additional information attached.

We last commented on this site in a letter to the LPA dated 12 May 2021. You have now provided a copy of a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, dated 15 August 2016 and prepared by Wardell Armstrong. This recommends the carrying out of intrusive site investigations to establish the risks posed to the development by past coal mining activity.

You have also provided a copy of a Phase 2 Ground Investigation Report, dated 26 August 2020 and prepared by Arc Environmental. This report sets out details of the intrusive site investigations carried out on site and their findings. The report states that two boreholes have been drilled on site to depths of 20m and that no coal seams or evidence of shallow coal workings were encountered. Based on these findings the report authors conclude that the coal mining risk of ground instability is negligible. No further works in this regard are therefore proposed.

On the basis of the information now reviewed, and the professional opinions of the report authors as set out in the Phase 2 Ground Investigation Report, we **withdraw our objection** to the planning application.

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

Yours sincerely

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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.