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For the Attention of: Development Management
Derbyshire County Council

[By Email: development.management@derbyshire.gov.uk]

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Dear Development Management

PLANNING APPLICATION: CM4/0517/10

Construction of a well site and creation of a new access track, mobilisation of drilling, ancillary equipment and contractor welfare facilities to drill a vertical hydrocarbon exploratory core well and mobilisation of workover rig, listening well operations, and retention of the site and wellhead assembly gear for a temporary period of 5 years at Land Adjacent To Bramley Moor Lane, Near Marsh Lane, Derbyshire

Thank you for your consultation letter of 25 May 2017 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above planning application.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. 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 the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area; therefore 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.

The Coal Authority records indicate that a mine entry (shaft) is located close to the eastern boundary of the site. We hold no treatment details for this mine entry and therefore its recorded location and associated zone of influence may be subject to significant departure. However, according to our records the recorded mine entry is located outside

the application site and its associated zone of influence is not located within the specific part of the site where new development is proposed.

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; whilst there is a recorded mining feature within close proximity to the application site, the specific part of the site where new development is proposed actually 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.

Whilst there are no shallow recorded mine workings within the specific area proposed for development there is the potential for historic unrecorded coal mining features within coalfield areas. Therefore, if this proposal is granted planning permission, 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:

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.

Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:
www.gov.uk/coalauthority

*****The applicant is subsequently advised to discuss the proposal with the Coal Authority's Permitting Team*****

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

Yours sincerely

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