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For the Attention of: Caroline Pulley – Case Officer
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16 December 2021

Dear Caroline

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/21/0405

Local Energy Centre, comprising Combined Heat & Power and Energy Storage Scheme; Kepak/st Merryn, Pengarnddu Industrial Estate, Dowlais

Thank you for your consultation letter of 8 December 2021 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 of Business, Energy & 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. However, the Coal Authority records indicate that there are no coal mining features and hazards, which need to be considered where development is proposed. In this instance the Development High Risk Area is defined by shallow workings which relate to Ironstone.

The Coal Authority is not responsible for Ironstone workings within the site. It is the responsibility of the landowner/developer to ensure that the site is or can be made safe and stable for the proposed development in accordance with the requirements of the planning system.

On account of the above, 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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