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For the Attention of: David Cross – Case Officer
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12 September 2023

Dear David

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/23/0197

Proposed residential development (42 dwellings) with new access at land adjoining (south of) Swansea Road to the east of Waunbant Court and north west of Old Winchfawr Road

Thank you for your consultation letter of 24 August 2023 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 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's information indicates that the site may have been subject to recorded ironstone mining at shallow depth. 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.

In this regard, we note the accompanying letter (dated 3 April 2023) from Integral Geotechnique Ltd, the content of which confirms the identification of

ironstone workings, but that mitigation by way of raft foundations will be sufficient to afford the long term stability of the plots.

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.