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For the Attention of: Caroline Pulley – Case Officer
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[By Email: planning@merthyr.gov.uk]

18 August 2020

Dear Mrs Pulley

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/20/0130

Detached dwelling; Land Adjacent To, 6 Criccieth Grove, Swansea Road, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1JY

Thank you for your consultation letter of 28 July 2020 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; 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.

Specifically, our records indicate that the application site may be underlain by coal mine workings at shallow depth.

The applicant has submitted a Mining Risk Assessment (Blandford Consulting, 13 June 2019) and a Site Investigation report (Blandford Consulting, 13 February 2020).

The Site Investigation Report presents the findings of intrusive site investigations undertaken to assess mining risk. Three rotary boreholes were sunk to a depth of 30m bgl. Old workings were encountered in one of these boreholes, however, the report author

states that overlying competent rock cover is sufficient to reduce the risk of workings to negligible. The Coal Authority notes the professional opinion of the report on this matter.

On the basis of the information submitted and the professional opinion of the author, The Coal Authority has **no objection** to this planning application. However, further more detailed considerations of ground conditions and/or foundation design may be required as part of any subsequent building regulations application.

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

Yours Sincerely,

George Weightman

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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 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.