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For the attention of: David Cross – Case Officer

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

[By email: planning@merthyr.gov.uk]

29 July 2026

Dear David

Re: P/26/0164

Discharge of Conditions 7 (Contamination Remediation) and 11 (Ground Stability) of planning permission P/23/0131; Bishop Hedley High School, Gwaunfarren Road, Penydarren

Thank you for your notification of 28 July 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

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:

Conditions 10 and 11 of the permission seeks to ensure the investigation of recorded mine entry 305207-009, the implementation of any necessary remediation and thereafter verification that the feature has been made safe and stable.

On the basis that the supporting Completion Report (October 2024, prepared by Van Elle) confirms that the recorded mine entry has been satisfactorily treated by pressure grouting, the Coal Authority **is able to recommend the LPA discharge Conditions 10 and 11.**

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

Yours sincerely

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