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For the Attention of: Ms M Ferreira – Case Officer
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[By Email: planning@merthyr.gov.uk]

12th December 2022

Dear Ms Ferreira

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/22/0293

Vary condition 1 (5 year time limit) and remove condition 9 (remedial works) relating to application P/17/0085; Woodland Way, Heolgerrig, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your notification of the 23rd November 2022 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above.

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.

Our interest lies in Condition 9 of the original planning consent issued. We commented on the discharge of this condition, lastly in a letter to the LPA dated 30th August 2018. In this letter we noted that the revised treatment proposals were considered to be acceptable and that we would have **no objection** to the discharge of Condition 9 of the issued consent subject to these works being carried out on site. Please note that any comments that the Coal Authority have made in a Planning context are without prejudice to the outcomes of any Permit application.

We note that this current submission relates to an extension of time in respect of commencement of development and removal of Condition 9. Subject to the remedial works being agreed with the Permitting team at the Coal Authority should any amendments to the approved scheme be necessary and those works being implemented on site, the Planning team at the Coal Authority has no objection to the removal of Condition 9 as proposed.

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.