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For the Attention of: Mr David Cross – Case Officer
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

20 March 2020

Dear Mr David Cross

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/20/0050 RECONSULTATION

Proposed campsite comprising 8 glamping pods, 2 shepherds huts, 12 touring pitches, toilet/welfare block and bike store; Land North Of Lewis Square And West Of, Glynderus Close, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1YL

Thank you for your consultation letter of 06 March 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.

The Coal Authority records indicate that a thick coal outcrop crosses through the application site.

We note this application is in affect a resubmission of P/18/0349. The Coal Authority therefore provides its comments on the same basis as comments made previously. On the basis of the professional opinion of the author of the Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report (Blandford Consulting, 4 February 2019), The Coal Authority **has no objection**. The report is informed by geological records, archive records and a coal mining factual report, a

walkover survey of the application site was also conducted. After a review of this information the report author considers that “there is no recognised risk to the development as a result of the mining history of the locality” (page 8). The report has taken into account mine workings and mine entries in formulating this conclusion.

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

Yours Sincerely,

George Weightman

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Disclaimer

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.