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For the Attention of: Mr H Roberts – Case Officer
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

21st March 2023

Dear Mr Roberts

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/23/0053

Residential development (200 units), engineering works, access formation, landscape, drainage and associated works; Dragon Park, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your notification of the 1st March 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 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: Further Information Required

We have been unable to find any relevant documents on the LPA website in order to enable us to comment on this submission. My colleague in our Registration team has reported this issue to the LPA and has requested that the following information be made available to view on the LPA website.

- Geo-environmental Desk Study Report - February 2016
- Additional Land Parcel Desk Study Report November 2022
- Coal Mining Risk Assessment - February 2023

I am unable to comment on this submission until I can review this information. Please can you re-consult the Coal Authority when this information is made publically available.

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.