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For the Attention of: Ms M. Ferreira – Case Officer
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

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Dear Ms Ferreira

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/20/0064

Construct two single storey buildings to provide a storage area and changing rooms at Guest Memorial Bowls Club, Garden Street, Dowlais - RECONSULTATION

I refer to your consultation email of 24 June 2021 seeking the further views of George Weightman, on behalf of the Coal Authority, in connection with the above planning application. I can inform you that George has now left the Authority, hence my response to your email.

The Coal Authority Response:

The application site falls partly within the defined Development High Risk Area. The Coal Authority previously objected to the proposal on the basis that the planning application was not accompanied by a Coal Mining risk Assessment report.

I have now looked into the matter further, and a more detailed interrogation of the records we hold has revealed that whilst part of the site does fall within the defined Development High Risk Area, this designation appears to relate to past ironstone workings rather than coal workings. I apologise for any confusion this has caused.

On the basis that the recorded mining legacy is not coal related there is no requirement for the applicant to provide a Coal Mining Risk Assessment and the Coal Authority **withdraws its objection** to the application. However, any risks posed to surface stability and the proposed development from the shallow ironstone workings will, I assume, be considered by the LPA as part of the decision making process.

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

Yours sincerely

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