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For the Attention of: Hugh Towns – Case Officer
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[By Email: planning@merthyr.gov.uk]

29 September 2022

Dear Hugh

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/22/0237 S73

Variation of conditions 3 (Coal Extraction) and 4 (Final Restoration) of planning permission APP/U6925/A/10/2129921 to extend the life of the existing mine for a further 9 months; Ffos Y Fran land reclamation scheme, east of A4060 slip road, Merthyr, Tydfil

Thank you for your consultation letter of 14 September 2022 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:

I can confirm that the Coal Authority has **no objections** to the variation of the aforementioned conditions to extend the life of the existing mine for a further 9 months.

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

Yours sincerely

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General Information for the Applicant

Under the Coal Industry Act 1994 any intrusive activities, including initial site investigation boreholes, and/or any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings/coal mine entries for ground stability purposes require the prior written permission of The Coal Authority, since such activities can have serious public health and safety implications. Failure to obtain permission will result in trespass, with the potential for court action. In the event that you are proposing to undertake such work in the Forest of Dean local authority area our permission may not be required; it is recommended that you check with us prior to commencing any works. Application forms for Coal Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Coal Authority's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property>

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