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For the attention of: Kate Glover – Case Officer

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

20 May 2026

Dear Kate

Re: P/26/0005

Outline application for up to two dwellings (all matters reserved); 21 Winch Fawr Park, Heolgerrig, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1TL - RECONSULTATION

Thank you for your notification of 15 May 2026 seeking the further views of the Coal Authority on the above.

The Coal Authority response: **Material Consideration**

The application site falls majority within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority's information indicates that a coal seam outcrops to the north of the site, dipping in a southern direction beneath the site, which may have been worked in the past. In addition, our records also indicates that the northwestern part of the site lies in an area where underground coal mining has taken place at shallow depth. Voids and broken ground associated with such features may pose a risk to ground stability and public safety.

We previously acknowledged the accompanying Coal Mining Risk Assessment report (Dr Malcolm Blandford of Blandford Consulting). However, given the significant elapsed time since the production of the report and its context (i.e. for a single dwelling), we requested

confirmation from the report author that they remained satisfied that the conclusions of the 2010 report remained applicable to the scheme of development currently proposed.

The Coal Authority now notes the subsequent letter (dated 16 March 2026) from Dr Malcolm Blandford, the content of which confirms that the conclusions of the original report remain applicable and that any workings are at sufficient depth not to unduly implicate on ground stability. Consequently, the Coal Authority is **now able to withdraw its objection to this planning application.**

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.



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