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

10 July 2019

Dear Ms Pulley

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/19/0069

Construction of four detached houses; 2 Plymouth House, Milbourne Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 0UL

Thank you for your consultation letter of 28 June 2019 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: No Objection

I have reviewed the proposals and confirm that the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area. However, further detailed analysis of our coal mining records identify that whilst shallow mining has taken place beneath this site, and the zone of influence from a mine adit extends into the western part of the site, this is from Ironstone workings only. As our remit only extends to coal mining legacy issues, we cannot advise definitively whether ironstone workings will cause any land instability / public safety issues.

In light of the above, the Coal Authority has **no objections** to this particular proposal.

However, we would advise the LPA that it is the responsibility of the applicant / developer to ensure that the development is undertaken safely and for the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the LPA that the site is safe and stable for the development proposed.

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

Yours sincerely

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