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For the Attention of: Huw Roberts

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

28 August 2020

Dear Huw Roberts

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/20/0199

Residential development consisting of the conversion and extension to a listed building to create 7 apartments and a dwelling, construction of 62 dwellings (including 3 affordable units), the demolition of existing buildings, landscaping, reprofiling of land, alterations to the existing access and other associated works; FORMER ST TYDFILS HOSPITAL, UPPER THOMAS STREET, MERTHYR, TYDFIL

Thank you for your consultation notification of the 27 August 2020 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above planning application.

The Coal Authority Response: Material Consideration

I can confirm that the above planning application has been sent to us incorrectly for consultation.

The application site **does not** fall within the defined Development High Risk Area and is located instead within the defined Development Low Risk Area. This means that there is no requirement under the risk-based approach that has been agreed with the LPA for a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to be submitted or for The Coal Authority to be consulted.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

In accordance with the agreed approach to assessing coal mining risks as part of the development management process, if this proposal is granted planning permission, it will be necessary to include The Coal Authority's Standing Advice within the Decision Notice as an informative note to the applicant in the interests of public health and safety.

Yours sincerely

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