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Dear Ms M Ferreira

Following the planning consultation on 15 February 2021, please find attached our comments on the above application.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised, please contact us.

Regards

Planning and Local Authority Liaison team

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15 February 2021

Dear Ms Ferreira

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/21/0008

Excavation of embankment to provide extended car parking area at Red Barrel House, Pant Road, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 3SH

Thank you for your consultation email of earlier today 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: Material Consideration

The application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area. The Coal Authority's information indicates that the Sun Vein / Sun Coal seam outcrops to the north west of the site, dipping in a south easterly direction beneath the site.

We note that the planning application is accompanied by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment (18 January 2021, prepared by Rhondda Geotechnical Services). Based on a review of relevant sources of coal mining and geological information, the submitted report acknowledges that the Sun Coal seam is present at shallow depth beneath the site. However, it highlights that this seam is thin and unworkable and, as such, concludes that the risk from ground instability caused by shallow unrecorded coal mining activity is negligible.

Based on the information submitted, and the professional opinions of the report author set out therein, the Coal Authority wishes to raise **no 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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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: www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property

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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.