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For the Attention of: Ms C Pulley – Case Officer
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Dear Caroline Pulley

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/20/0232

Discharge condition 3 (drainage), condition 4 (retaining wall details), condition 7 (boundary enclosure details), condition 8 (Site Investigation) and condition 9 (Japanese Knotweed) P18/0395 application for a pair of semi-detached dwellings; Land Adjacent To, 22 Pant Road, Dowlais

Thank you for your notification of 14 October 2020 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.

This discharge of condition submission is supported by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, dated 21 July 2020 and prepared by Blandford Consulting.

This report author has made a detailed review of all of the available information and is able to conclude that there is no risk of shallow coal mine workings being present because there is no coal seam in the vicinity of the site or underlying it. The report comments that the only coal seams underlying the Site are 'thin', the shallowest, the Sun Seam, is only 0.30m thick. This concurs with our updated data for this site, which indicates no shallow coal mining features are present.

The report author concludes that the solid geology of the site and the mining history are such that no particular measures need be included in the design and construction of the

foundations and shallow spread foundations (conventional strip/trench or raft) will be appropriate.

On the basis of the information submitted we would have no objection to the LPA discharging the relevant planning condition.

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.