



200 Lichfield Lane
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG18 4RG
T: 01623 637 119 (Planning Enquiries)
E: planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk
W: www.gov.uk/coalauthority

For the attention of: Rebecca Owens – Case Officer

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

25 October 2024

Dear Rebecca

Re: P/24/0233

Construction of a wetland, diversion of a surface water culvert to feed wetland and landscaping; parcel of land at The Incline, between Taff Glen View, Highland Close, Glasier Road and Ann's Close, Twynnyroddyn, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your consultation letter of 10 October 2024 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 for Energy Security and Net Zero. 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

I have reviewed the proposals and can confirm that a very small part of the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority records indicate that within that part of the application site and surrounding area there maybe coal mining features and hazards which should be considered as part of development proposals.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

As you will be aware, the Coal Authority's general approach in cases where development is proposed within the Development High Risk Area is to recommend that the applicant obtains coal mining information for the application site and submits a Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) to support the planning application.

Notwithstanding the above, we note the submitted Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Report (12 August 2024, prepared by Terra Firma Ltd), the content of which recommends intrusive site investigations. However, when considering this particular proposal, on the basis that no built development is proposed within the defined Development High Risk Area we do not consider that it would be reasonable to ensure the investigations by way of a planning condition and **do not object** to this planning application.

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

Yours sincerely

Chris MacArthur

Chris MacArthur *B.Sc.(Hons), DipTP, MRTPI*
Planning Liaison Manager

Disclaimer

The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available data and records held by The Coal Authority on the date of the response. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this response may be subject to review and amendment by The Coal Authority if additional or new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the Applicant for consultation purposes.



Making a **better future** for people
and the environment **in mining areas**