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For the Attention of: Mr D. Cross – Case Officer
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

1 October 2021

Dear Mr Cross

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/21/0330

Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling at Pen-coedcae Farm, Cwmbblacs, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4AJ

Thank you for your consultation letter of 22 September 2021 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above application for outline planning permission.

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

I have reviewed the site location plans and the proposals and supporting information available to view on the LPA website and can confirm that part of the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority's information indicates that a coal seam outcrops at or close to the surface along the south eastern boundary of the proposed building plot, dipping in a south easterly direction. This coal seam may have been worked in the past.

However, the part of the site which will accommodate the proposed dwelling lies on the barren side of the outcropping coal seam, outside of the defined High Risk Area. Therefore, we do not consider that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment is necessary to support this proposal and we **do not object** to this planning application.

Although the proposed development will be located outside of the High Risk Area, as the site lies within an area where coal mining activity has taken place, it is requested that the following wording is included as an Informative Note on any planning permission granted:

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0800 288 4242.

***Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority***

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

Yours sincerely

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