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For the Attention of: Mrs C Pulley – Case Officer
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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

8 September 2020

Dear Mrs Pulley

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/20/0153

Erection of three dwellings; Land Adjoining, 48 High Street, Trelewis, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your notification of 20 August 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.

The Coal Authority Response: Material Consideration

Our information indicates that there is a recorded fissure which runs adjacent to the site and encroaches into the north eastern corner of the boundary.

The planning application is supported by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, dated 28 September 2018 and prepared by Rhondda Geotechnical. We note that this report was prepared for a previous development on the site and not the current scheme.

However, the report author is clear in his professional opinion and his conclusion that:

This risk assessment has presented abundant evidence from comprehensive research that there is no further risk to ground stability posed by coal mining legacy issues, in particular fault reactivation, at the site.

On the basis of the information submitted, and the professional opinion of the report author set out therein, the Coal Authority has **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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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.