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Dear Rebecca Owens

Following the planning consultation on 28 March 2023, please find attached our comments on the above application.

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

Regards

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18 April 2023

Dear Ms Owens

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/23/0077

Installation of 45 solar panels (ground mounted and to the roof of existing storage containers); Supac Limited, Unit 3 Goat Mill Road, Dowlais

Thank you for your notification of 28 March 2023 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above 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.

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

The Coal Authority records indicate that the application site lies in an area of recorded shallow coal mining; a coal seam of workable thickness outcrops at or close to the surface to the north west of the site that may have been historically worked beneath the western part of the site; and to the east of the site boundary is a recorded mine entry (CA shaft ref: 306207-017). The Coal Authority hold no treatment details for this mine entry and due to this historic source plans used to plot its current position, this could vary by several metres.

However, it is noted that this is a non-material amendment to an approved scheme and the installation of solar panels are exempt from requiring a Coal Mining Risk Assessment due to the limited ground works required to facilitate the development.

It should be noted that the Coal Authority were not consulted on the previous non-material amendments to P/23/0076, or as part of the planning consultation for the originally approved scheme: P/22/0226.

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

Yours sincerely

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