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Dear Mr Johnston

PLANNING APPLICATION: DOC/2016/0112

Discharge of condition application relating to Permission SMD/2016/0031 for one detached (replacement) dwelling - Toplands, Sytch Road, Brown Edge, Staffordshire, ST6 8QX – Re-consultation

Thank you for your notification of 7 March 2017 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the additional information submitted to support the above.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for 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's interest lies in Condition 13 of this issued consent as this requires intrusive site investigations to be carried out in order to assess site stability.

The Coal Authority previously commented on this discharge of condition submission in a letter to the LPA dated 19 January 2017.

The discharge of Condition 13 is now supported by a Mining Investigation Report, dated February 2017 and prepared by Spilman Associates. This report sets out details of the intrusive site investigations carried out on site and their findings.

The report states that 5 boreholes have been drilled on site to depths of up to 24m and that all the boreholes encountered no loss of flush, broken ground or voids. On the basis of these findings the report author has concluded that no shallow mining has taken place beneath the site which could have the potential to impact on surface stability.

On the basis of the contents of the Mining Investigation Report, and the professional opinions of the report author set out therein, the Coal Authority would have **no objection** to the LPA discharging Condition 13 of the issued consent in relation to coal mining legacy. .

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

Yours sincerely

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