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For the Attention of: Mr James Stannard – Case Officer
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Dear James

PLANNING APPLICATION: DOC/2018/0147

Discharge of condition 17 of SMD/2017/0510 (Demolition of existing dwelling and associated outbuildings. Erection of 6 no. detached dwellings); 121 Tunstall Road, Knypersley, Staffordshire, ST8 7AA

Thank you for your consultation letter of 07 February 2019 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above discharge of condition 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: **Fundamental Concern**

Condition 17 of the permission seeks to ensure the investigation and remediation of coal mining legacy related features before development begins.

Whilst the submitted information from Groundshire Ltd relating to methods of treatment for the two recorded mine entries on site appears acceptable in principle, on the basis that no investigations or remediation has been undertaken, The Coal Authority is **not yet in a position to recommend the LPA discharge Condition 17.**

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

Yours sincerely

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General Information for the Applicant

Under the Coal Industry Act 1994 any intrusive activities, including initial site investigation boreholes, and/or any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings/coal mine entries for ground stability purposes require the prior written permission of The Coal Authority, since such activities can have serious public health and safety implications. Failure to obtain permission will result in trespass, with the potential for court action. In the event that you are proposing to undertake such work in the Forest of Dean local authority area our permission may not be required; it is recommended that you check with us prior to commencing any works. Application forms for Coal Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Coal Authority's website at:
https://www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property

Building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry (shaft or adit) can be dangerous and has the potential for significant risks to both the development and the occupiers if not undertaken appropriately. The Coal Authority would draw your attention to our adopted policy regarding new development and mine entries:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries

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