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For the Attention of: Ms Lisa Howard – Case Officer
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04 June 2019

Dear Ms Lisa Howard

PLANNING APPLICATION: SMD/2018/0462

Proposed menage; Rakeway House Farm, Rakeway Road, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1RA

Thank you for your consultation letter of 16 May 2019 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**

I have reviewed the proposals and confirm that the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area; therefore within the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards which need to be considered in relation to the determination of this planning application. Specifically, The Coal Authority records indicate likely unrecorded coal mining at shallow depth beneath the application site.

The applicant has submitted a Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report (Sladen Associates, November 2018) to accompany the planning application.

The submitted report states that there is possibility of unrecorded shallow workings beneath the application site. However, The Coal Authority notes the assurance of the competent person who has prepared the Coal Mining Risk Assessment; that in their professional judgement given there are no structures proposed the associated risk from coal mining is very low.

On the basis of the information submitted and the professional opinion of the author for the Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report (Sladen Associates, November 2018), 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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<u>Disclaimer</u>

The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available data on the date of the response, and electronic consultation records held by The Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this response may be subject to review and amendment by The Coal Authority if additional or new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the Applicant for consultation purposes.

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.