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For the Attention of: Mr B. Hurst – Case Officer
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

27 September 2023

Dear Mr Hurst

PLANNING APPLICATION: SMD/2023/0460

Resubmission of SMD/2022/0644 for proposed rear extension first floor bathroom and bedroom, ground floor living room and study proposed single storey side extension utility room proposed front porch at Nettlebeds House, Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph

Thank you for your consultation letter of 19 September 2023 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 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.

The application site falls within the Development High Risk Area. The Coal Authority's information indicates that a coal seam is conjectured to outcrop to the east of the site dipping in a westerly direction beneath the site. This seam may have been worked in the past.

We note that planning application is for **householder development only**. As such, there is no requirement under the risk-based approach that has been agreed with the LPA for a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to be submitted in support of the application or for the Coal Authority to be consulted.

We wish to point out that if this proposal is granted planning permission, the LPA should include the Coal Authority's Householder Informative Note within the Decision Notice as an informative to the applicant, in the interests of public health and safety.

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

Yours sincerely

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