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For the attention of: Jennie Townsend – Case Officer

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

[By email: development.control@bury.gov.uk]

15 January 2025

Dear Jennie

Re: 71228

Provide a temporary modular school to accommodate approx. 50 pupils, with associated car parking, landscaping and boundary treatment; 7 Whittaker Street, Radcliffe, Manchester, M26 2DT - RECONSULTATION

Thank you for your notification of 14 January 2025 seeking the further views of the Coal Authority on the above.

The Coal Authority response: Material Consideration

The Coal Authority previously commented on this planning application in a letter to the LPA dated 2 January 2025. The application was supported by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, dated 15 October 2024 prepared by Geoinvestigate Ltd. The submitted report stated that intrusive site investigations should be undertaken prior to the commencement of development, specifically to identify any necessary remedial measures. The Coal Authority therefore recommended the imposition of a planning condition on any permission to ensure the undertaking of the works.

The Coal Authority now notes the submitted Desk Based Coal Mining Risk Assessment (January 2025, prepared by LK Group), which confirms an analysis of boreholes that were drilled very close by. Based on the analysis undertaken, the report is able to discount any

crop workings due to the significant depth of superficial deposits, but also lateral works, specifically given the thin and uneconomical nature of the shallowest coals, which may underlie the site. Consequently, **the Coal Authority is able to revise its recommendation** as was previously confirmed us.

The Coal Authority REVISED Recommendation to the LPA

The Coal Authority considers that the content and conclusions of the submitted Desk Based Coal Mining Risk Assessment meet the requirements of the planning system in demonstrating that the application site is safe and stable for the proposed development. The Coal Authority therefore **now has no objection** to the proposed development.

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

Yours sincerely

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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.



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