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For the attention of: Ms H. Leach – Case Officer
Bury Council

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30 January 2025

Dear Ms Leach

Re: Planning application 71525

Variation of condition nos. 1 (temporary time period) and condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 70002 to extend the temporary time period allowed for the use of temporary school facilities up to 28th February 2027 and alterations to fencing and cycle shelter at Star Radcliffe Academy, Spring Lane, Radcliffe, M26 2SZ

Thank you for your notification of 21 January 2025 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 Coal Authority response: MATERIAL CONSIDERATION

The application site falls partly within the defined Development High Risk Area. Our information indicates that the north western part of the site lies in an area where historic unrecorded coal mining is likely to have taken place at shallow depth. Such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.

You will recall that the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team raised no objection to planning application 70002 to which the current variation of condition application

relates. This was on the basis that supporting information prepared by the applicant's technical consultants concluded that the temporary school building is unlikely to be impacted by potential coal workings.

We note that the applicant is now seeking to vary conditions attached to the permission to enable an extension in the time period for the use of the temporary school and to enable minor alterations to the approved scheme of development. On the basis that coal mining legacy matters were satisfactorily addressed at the time of the original planning application we wish to raise **no objection** to the current variation of condition application.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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