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For the Attention of: Jennie Townsend – Case Officer
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[By Email: development.control@bury.gov.uk]

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Dear Jennie

PLANNING APPLICATION: 68647

Creation of 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, new macadam hardstanding areas, floodlights, storage container, single storey pavilion and 83 space car park with associated lighting and landscaping; Red Bank Playing Fields, Unsworth Street, Radcliffe, Manchester, M26 0RN

Thank you for your consultation letter of 3 August 2022 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.

The Coal Authority records indicate that 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 probable shallow coal mine workings.

The Coal Authority notes the supporting Ground Investigation Report (May 2021, prepared by Soiltechnics Ltd), the content of which confirms the results of an intrusive site investigation undertaken on the site. On the basis that the Report confirms that the area

where the pavilion is proposed is not at risk from shallow coalmine workings, the Coal Authority has **no objections 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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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.