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For the Attention of: Ms H. Leach – Case Officer
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

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

17 September 2021

Dear Ms Leach

PLANNING APPLICATION: 67179

Erection of 2 no. detached dwelling houses with loft accommodation and single-storey garages following the demolition of the existing garage block and outbuildings at Lake Hill, Walshaw Road, Bury, BL8 1PT

Thank you for your consultation letter of 9 September 2021 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 site location plans and the proposals and supporting information available to view on the LPA website and can confirm that part of the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority's information indicates that a coal seam outcrops at or close to the surface within the eastern part of the site. This coal seam may have been worked in the past.

However, the part of the site where the development is proposed lies outside of the defined High Risk Area. Therefore, we do not consider that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment is necessary to support this proposal and we **do not object** to this planning application.

Although the proposed development would be situated outside of the defined Development High Risk Area, as the site lies within an area where coal mining activity has taken place, it is requested that the following wording is included as an Informative Note on any planning permission granted:

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0800 288 4242. Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/coalauthority

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

Yours sincerely

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