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28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Jessica,

**Re: Application 2026/0238**

**Discharge of condition 10 (Coal Mining Declaration) of application 2024/1086 Proposal for 4no. two bedroom bungalows.; 32 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AR**

Thank you for your notification of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

The applicant has provided a letter report from consultant Groundsmiths Geotechnical Engineers, Report Ref: GUK-0425-03/Rp-004, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 to address Condition 10. This reports the outcome of intrusive investigations to determine the risk posed by the potential for shallow mine workings. Summary Table 1 identifies that no evidence of shallow mine workings were identified from the six boreholes undertaken.

Groundsmiths confirm that: *'On the basis of specific investigation data, it is considered that the Site may be determined as being safe and stable in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework<sup>[7]</sup>, namely paragraphs 196 and 197'*

On this basis I can confirm that the Coal Authority's Planning Team consider that **the applicant has fully complied with Condition 10** and we have no concern should the LPA agree to discharge the condition.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Leigh Sharpe*

**Geotechnical & Development Manager**

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