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For the attention of: Ms J. Duffield – Case Officer

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

[By email: developmentmanagement@barnsley.gov.uk]

28 January 2026

Dear Ms Duffield

Re: Application 2026/0040

Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Drawing Schedule), 3 (Street Furniture and Signage Details), 5 (Parkour Area Details), 7 (Boundary Treatments), and 10 (Hard and Soft Landscaping) of planning application 2024/0475: Application for reserved matters relating to details pertaining layout, appearance, landscaping and scale of proposed activity park and associated buildings and infrastructure (relating to outline planning application 2022/0434) at Schwabisch Gmund Way, Barnsley, S71 1AY

Thank you for your notification of 27 January 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority (trading as the Mining Remediation Authority) on the above 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 within the defined Development High Risk Area. Our information indicates that the site lies in an area where historic unrecorded coal mining activity is likely

to have taken place at shallow depth. Such workings can pose a risk to surface stability and public safety.

As you will be aware, from my colleague Chris MacArthur's letter of 8 June 2022, the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team raised no objection to hybrid planning application 2022/0434. This was on the basis that a Ground Investigation Report (November 2021, prepared by GEA Ltd) indicated that only intact coal was encountered during borehole investigations and that shallow coal mine workings do not pose a stability risk to the development.

You will also be aware from Chris MacArthur's letter of 21 August 2024 that on the basis that we had no objection to application 2022/0434, we wished to raise no objection to application 2024/0475 seeking approval of reserved matters details in respect of the outline element of the hybrid approval.

We understand that the current application seeks to vary a number of conditions attached to reserved matters approval 2024/0475 to enable development to proceed in accordance with revised design details. On the basis that coal mining legacy matters were considered to have been satisfactorily addressed at the time of the original hybrid applicant and given our comments regarding the subsequent reserved matters submission, the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team wishes to raise **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

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

Yours sincerely

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new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the applicant for consultation purposes.

