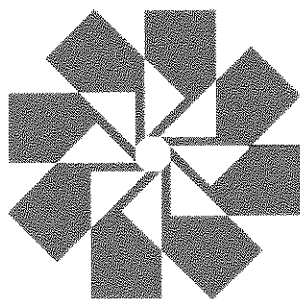


APPENDIX 5: Mining Report

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Property details:

Meadstead Drive
Barnsley

Your ref : H043

Purchaser :

Vendor :

In accordance with your instructions received 29 Jul 2009 we have inspected plans and records of coal mine workings and have made enquiries with respect to Cheshire brine extraction in relation to the above property and can report as follows :

1. **SEAM DETAILS FOR PAST UNDERGROUND COAL MINING** : In relation to the property the undermentioned seam(s) have been worked within the likely zone of physical influence on the surface.

Seam	Depth (m)	Sect (cm)	Date	Remarks
Barnsley	305	180	1955	Subjacent
Lidgett	402	78	1945	Adjacent
Fenton	499	93	1976	Adjacent
Thornccliffe	547	68	1973	Adjacent

2. **SEAM DETAILS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE UNDERGROUND COAL MINING** : The undermentioned seam(s) are currently being worked, or licenses to work are being determined, or have been granted to work, within the likely zone of physical influence on the surface in relation to the property.

Seam	Depth (m)	Sect (cm)	Date	Remarks
				Coal in reserve - no workings currently planned.

3. **UNDERLYING GEOLOGY** :

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The property is situated in an area of Boulder Clay over Sandstone and Middle Coal Measures, shales and mudstones.

There are no faults or abnormal features relevant to the property.

4. OPENCAST COAL MINING :

Past Opencast Workings : The property is not situated within the boundary of a former opencast coal mining site.

Present Opencast Workings : The property is not situated within 200m of the boundary of a currently operating opencast coal mining site.

Future Opencast Workings : The property is not situated within 800m of the boundary of an opencast site for which a license to extract coal by opencast methods has been granted or a license to do so is currently being determined.

5. SHAFTS, ADITS (MINE ENTRIES) AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

We have no knowledge of any shafts or adits within 20 metres of the property or the boundary of the property.

There are no tips or lagoons in the vicinity of the property.

6. NOTICES IN RELATION TO FUTURE COAL MINING ACTIVITY :

We have no knowledge of any intention to work coal by underground methods , within influencing distance on the surface in the vicinity of the property, for which notices have been issued under the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

7. PAST COAL MINING RELATED SUBSIDENCE :

Our investigations have shown no evidence of coal mining related subsidence claims in relation to the property in the past 10 years.

8. CONCLUSION (COAL MINING) : In the light of the above facts we conclude that in relation to coal mining :

Old workings are present but all settlement is likely to have completed long ago.
In our opinion it is unlikely that coal will be worked in the foreseeable future.

COAL MINING RISK LEVEL : We recommend that the transaction is treated as :

Where this report is to be used for development purposes particular attention is drawn to the paragraphs below concerning the ownership of in situ coal, coal workings and the risks from mine gases.

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Please note that the overall coal mining risk level above is based upon an assessment of the detailed information contained in the body of the report. The risk assessment must be used in conjunction with the detailed report.

If development of the property is being considered then all necessary enquiries and investigations should be completed prior to the commencement of works to ensure that proposals follow good engineering practice for development in mining areas. The Coal Authority has ownership of in situ coal, coal mines (both current and disused) and coal mine shafts and adits. Activities that intersect, enter or disturb any of the Coal Authority's interests require the written permission of the Authority.

Any development proposals should consider risks to the development, or adjacent property, of generating or displacing underground gases where coal seams or former mining works are disturbed. The need for effective measures to prevent gasses entering public properties should be assessed and properly addressed. These actions are necessary due to the public safety implications of development in these circumstances.

CHESHIRE BRINE EXTRACTION INFORMATION :

The property lies outside the Cheshire Brine Compensation District as prescribed by the Cheshire Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Act 1952.

With respect to coal mining there is nothing to prevent a claim being made under the provisions of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991 and subsequent legislation, but it must not be inferred that the Coal Authority or their licensees will necessarily accept that any damage has been caused as a result of mining subsidence.

If you require any further information or amplification please contact CoalSearchPlus+ on 01423 529911 or via our website www.coalsearch.plus.com.

This report is prepared in accordance with the CoalSearchPlus+ terms and conditions as published on the CoalSearchPlus+ website (www.coalsearch.plus.com) on the date of issue of this report.

This is a Coal Mining Search Report and is not to be interpreted as being part of an Environmental Assessment of the property.

We cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of the information provided to us by third party organisations

The information and/or material supplied is composed from data based in many cases on measurements and records of various standards of reliability and age. We cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of such information.

This search report is based upon the privately owned CoalSearchPlus+ mining record database and plans and records publicly available at the time of inspection from the Coal Authority, including British Geological Survey and Ordnance Survey data. Organisations reserve the right to vary their proposals and intentions as to their future mining operations without prior notice save as provided in the Coal Mining (subsidence) Act 1991 and the Coal Industry Act 1994.

Coal Authority Address : The Coal Authority, 200 Lichfield Lane Berry Hill, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, HG18 4RG
British Geological Survey Address : British Geological Survey, Kingsley Dunham Centre, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG

The information contained in this report relates to the property address given by the individual or organisation ordering the report. Where a plan indicating the property location and boundary is supplied with the instruction the report is based on that information. Where no plan is supplied the report is based on the property location as defined in publicly available mapping data. At all times it remains the responsibility of the instructing organisation or individual to define the boundary of the property.

Additional notes applicable to Residential Coal Mining Reports only :

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This report is compliant with Home Information Pack requirements.

David Bellis Consulting Surveyors is not aware of any personal or business relationship between the person conducting or preparing the search and any person involved in the sale of the property.

This report is a desk study of existing published geological and coal mining records and the CoalSearchPlus+ coal mining database. In order to compile this report enquiries have been made relating to the following :

Past Coal Mining – the existence of any previously worked seams of coal within influencing distance on the surface in relation to the property including an indication of the location, depth and age of the workings.

Present Coal Mining - the existence of any currently worked seams of coal within influencing distance on the surface in relation to the property including an indication of the location, depth and age of the workings. The existence of coal that could be worked at some time in the future will be enquired into and detail of any relevant licenses disclosed where available.

Underlying Geology - the underlying geology of the property will be reviewed and briefly described in relation to coal mining

Opencast Coal Mining - the existence of past present and future opencast coal mining, specifically :

- if the property is situated within the boundary of a former opencast site. In the case of old opencast workings it must be understood that records are often unclear regarding the site boundary and/or worked areas. Published records will be reviewed to give our opinion of the existence of relevant former opencast coal workings.
- if the property is situated within 200m of the boundary of a currently operating opencast site.
- if the property is situated within 800m of the boundary of an opencast for which either a license to extract coal by opencast methods has been granted or a license to do so is currently being determined.

Shafts, Adits (Mine Entries) and Additional Information – the existence of any mine entries within 20m of the property or the boundary of the property and its associated land and buildings (the definition of the boundary of the property is the responsibility of the individual or organisation ordering this report). Where a mine entry is found to exist the approximate location of the mine entry will be indicated on a plan to be provided by the instructing organisation or individual. The existence of unworked coal will be enquired into and our opinion regarding the likelihood of it being worked at some time in the past will be given where relevant. Any other relevant coal mining related features discovered will be noted.

Notices in relation to future coal mining activity – the existence of notices indicating an intention to work coal by underground methods in the future.

Past coal mining related subsidence – if any publicly available records indicate coal mining related subsidence affecting the property in the past 10 years.

Coal Mining Risk Level – the opinion of David Bellis Consulting Surveyors of the risk posed to the property from coal mining given all the information contained in the report. The risk to the property is given in relation to the majority of the housing stock in the immediate area.

Cheshire Brine – the location of the property in relation to the Cheshire Brine Compensation District and any relevant information to the property regarding brine extraction.

Any queries or complaints, with respect to the attached report, should be addressed to:

M J Peace, Practice Principal
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Additional information, including answers to many frequently asked questions, can be found on the CoalSearchPlus+ website, www.coalsearch.plus.com

If you wish to make a complaint, it will be handled as follows:

- The complaint will be acknowledged within 5 working days of its receipt.
- A complaint will normally be dealt with fully within 4 weeks of the date of its receipt. If there are valid reasons for the consideration taking longer, you will be kept fully informed in writing or via telephone or email as you prefer and receive a response at the very latest within 8 weeks.
- At your request, we will liaise with counselling organisations acting on your behalf.
- A final decision will be in writing.

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IPCAS can be contacted at:

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Date : 05 Aug 2009

Signed : *M. J. Peace*

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IPCAS Contact Details: Telephone: 020 7520 3800 Email: info@idrs.ltd.uk

You can also get more information about the Property Codes Compliance Board from our website at: www.propertycodes.org.uk

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Notes on Limitations

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Site investigation is a process of sampling. The scope and size of an investigation may be considered proportional to levels of confidence regarding the ground and groundwater conditions. The exploratory holes undertaken investigate only a small volume of the ground in relation to the overall size of the site, and can only provide a general indication of site conditions. The opinions provided and recommendations given in this report are based on the ground conditions as encountered within each of the exploratory holes. There may be different ground conditions elsewhere on the site which have not been identified by this investigation and which therefore have not been taken into account in this report. Reports are generally subject to the comments of the local authority and Environment Agency. The comments made on groundwater conditions are based on observations made at the time that site work was carried out. It should be noted that mobile contamination, ground gas levels and groundwater levels may vary owing to seasonal, tidal and/or weather related effects. Solmek cannot be held liable for any unrecorded or unforeseen obstructions between exploratory boreholes and trial pits. This includes instances where previous structures on the site (buried man made structures) or the presence of boulder clay (cobbles and/or boulder obstructions) have been anticipated. All types of piling operations should make allowance for obstructions within the construction budget to accommodate this. Unrecorded ancient mining may occur anywhere where seams that have been worked and influence the rock and soil above. Dissolution cavities can occur where gypsum or chalk is present. Rotary drilling is the recommended technique to prove the integrity of the rock.

Where the scope of the investigation is limited via access to information, time constraints, equipment limitations, testing, interpretation or by the client or his agents budgetary constraints, elements not set out in the proposal and excluded from the report are deemed to be omitted from the scope of the investigation.

Desk studies are generally prepared in accordance with RICS guidelines. Environmental site investigations are generally undertaken as 'exploratory investigations' in accordance with the definitions provided in paragraph 5.4 of BS 10175:2001 in order to confirm the conceptual assumptions. You are advised to familiarize yourself with the typical scope of such an investigation. No pumping of water will be undertaken unless a licence or facilities/equipment have been arranged by others.

Where the type, number or/and depth of exploratory hole is specified by others, Solmek cannot and will not be responsible for any subsequent shortfall or inadequacy in data, and any consequent shortfall in interpretation of environmental and geotechnical aspects which may be required at a later date in order to facilitate the design of permanent or temporary works.

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