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For the attention of: Rebecca Larder – Case Officer
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[By email: developmentmanagement@barnsley.gov.uk]

22 October 2026

Dear Rebecca

Re: 2026/0875

Construction of a new car park to serve Penistone Railway Station with associated access, landscaping, lighting, drainage, utilities, relocation of the existing substation, boundary treatments and other ancillary works; land to the west of Lairds Way, Spring Vale, Sheffield

Thank you for your notification of 15 October 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

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**

I have reviewed the proposals and can 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 maybe coal mining features and hazards which should be considered as part of development proposals.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

As you will be aware, the Coal Authority's general approach in cases where development is proposed within the Development High Risk Area is to recommend that the applicant obtains coal mining information for the application site and submits a Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) to support the planning application.

Notwithstanding the above, we note the submitted Mining Risk Assessment (October 2026), which recommends intrusive site investigations to establish any necessary remedial measures. However, when considering these particular proposals, on the basis that they constitute exempt forms of development, we do not consider that it would be reasonable to ensure the investigations by way of a planning condition and **do not object** 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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