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For the attention of: Georgina Brayford – Case Officer

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

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

10 June 2026

Dear Georgina

Re: 2025/0850

Erection of 3no dwellings (Outline with all matters reserved); land adjacent to 2 Cemetery Road, Bolton Upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 8LS

Thank you for your notification of 28 May 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 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 are coal mining features and hazards, which need to be considered in relation to the determination of this planning application, specifically there is one mine gas site within, or within 50m of the planning boundary.

The Coal Authority notes the accompanying Coal Mining Risk Assessment (3 February 2026, prepared by Lyons CMC Ltd), which has been informed by appropriate geological and mining information. The content of the report acknowledges the risks posed by fugitive mine gas and proposes that gas protection measures be incorporated into foundation design. The Coal Authority considers this reasonable and proportionate.

On account of the above, the Coal Authority **has no objection** to this planning application.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

The Coal Authority considers that the information submitted in support of this planning application is broadly sufficient for the purposes of the planning system and meets the requirements of the planning system in demonstrating that the application site is, or can be made, safe and stable for the proposed development.

The Coal Authority would expect the development to be carried out in accordance with the measures detailed on page 6 of the Coal Mining Risk Assessment (3 February 2026, prepared by Lyons CMC Ltd). The Coal Authority therefore **has no objection** to this planning application on the basis of the information submitted.

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

Yours sincerely

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

In formulating this response The Coal Authority has taken full account of the professional conclusions reached by the competent person who has prepared the Coal Mining Risk Assessment or other similar report. In the event that any future claim for liability arises in relation to this development The Coal Authority will take full account of the views, conclusions and mitigation previously expressed by the professional advisers for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.