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For the attention of: Jessica Duffield – Case Officer
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

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

26 August 2026

Dear Jessica

Re: 2026/0641

Residential development up to 9 dwellings (Permission in Principle); land off Barnsley Road, Darton, Barnsley - RECONSULTATION

Thank you for your notification of 25 August 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**

The application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority records indicate that within this part of 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 probable shallow coal mine workings.

Voids and broken/disturbed ground associated with such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.

The Coal Authority previously objected to this planning application, as a Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report had not been submitted as part of the application.

The applicant has now obtained appropriate and up-to-date coal mining information for the proposed development site and has used this information to inform the Coal Mining Risk Assessment (dated August 2026, produced by RB Geotechnical Ltd), which now accompanies this planning application

On the basis of the above the Coal Authority **wish to be consulted with this information on any future technical details consent** submitted, should Planning in Principle be granted.

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

Yours sincerely

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