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For the attention of: Jessica Duffield – Case Officer

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

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

22 April 2026

Dear Jessica

Re: 2026/0294

Discharge of conditions 4 (Levels), 5 (Boundary Treatments), 6 (Broadband), 8 (Drainage), 16 (Dust Management), 17 (Noise Management), 18 (Coal Mining) and 20 (Tree Protection) of application 2022/0321: Erection of 4no detached dwellings and associated works; land adjacent to The Stables, Pantry Hill, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley, S70 4RP

Thank you for your notification of 17 April 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:

Conditions 18 and 19 of the planning permission seek to address coal mining legacy and require the undertaking of intrusive site investigations, the implementation of any necessary remedial measures and verification.

The Coal Authority records indicate that the site has been subject to unrecorded coal mining at shallow depth and that a thick coal seam outcropped across the site, which may have been worked from the surface.

The Coal Authority notes the submitted Coal Mining Risk Interpretation Report (dated 12 July 2024) from Lyons CMC Ltd, which has been submitted in support of the discharge of the aforementioned planning conditions. The Report confirms the sinking of six rotary boreholes to confirm ground conditions and to identify any necessary remedial measures.

On the basis that the Report provides confirmation that only intact coal was encountered, with no evidence of any shallow coal mine workings, the Planning and Development team at the Coal Authority is satisfied that the issue of the potential for coal mining legacy to affect the proposed development has now been adequately investigated.

On account of the above, we would therefore **have no objections to the LPA discharging Conditions 18 and 19** on the basis of the aforementioned details submitted by the applicant.

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

Yours sincerely

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Disclaimer

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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.