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Dear Simon

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/2022/0417 COND

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 3 (MATERIALS), 8 (CONTAMINATION) 10 (DUST MANAGEMENT) AND 15 (COAL) OF PLANNING PERMISSION P/2020/0725; WMBC Car Park, Bonc Wen, Rhosllannerchrugog, Wrexham

Thank you for your consultation letter of 4 May 2022 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above discharge of condition application.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. 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: Substantive Concern

Condition 15 of the permission requires no development to commence until a further scheme of intrusive site investigations has been carried out on site to establish the extent of the risks posed to the development by past coalmining activity, and; any remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary, have been implemented on site in full in order to ensure that the site is made safe and stable for the development proposed.

The Coal Mining Risk Assessment (26 October 2020, prepared by NKC Geotech Ltd), which accompanied the planning application confirmed that the site requires ground stabilisation works (drill and grouting of shallow coal workings) and that both mine entries will also require stabilising in line with current industry standards (CIRIA C758D Abandoned mine workings manual).

The applicant has submitted details relevant to the proposed capping designs for both of the mine entries on the site. However, on the basis that no information is included to confirm both the completion of the capping works or the grouting of the shallow coalmine workings, the Coal Authority is **unable to recommend the discharge of Condition 15**.

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

Yours sincerely

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