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Attachments: 21-02-23 Bryn Glas Gas Comments Rev A.DOCX; 21-02-23 Bryn Glas Mining Comments Rev A.DOCX; P20200700 Planning consultation response 23Mar21.pdf; P20200844 Land off High St Johnstown 05Jan21.pdf

Hi Matthew.

Thank you for your email below regarding the comments made by Contaminated Land Officer at Wrexham CBC (attached) relating to mine gas / gas risk assessment.

Wherever coal resources or coal mine features exist at shallow depth or at the surface, there is the potential for mine gases to exist. These risks should always be considered by the LPA. The Planning & Development team at the Coal Authority, in its role of statutory consultee in the planning process, only comments on gas issues if our data indicates that gas emissions have been recorded on the site. However, the absence of such a comment (as is the case for this particular site) should not be interpreted to imply that there are no gas risks present. Whether or not specific emissions have been noted by the Coal Authority, local planning authorities should seek their own technical advice on the gas hazards that may exist, and appropriate measures to be implemented, from technically competent personnel.

Accordingly, as the Contaminated Land Officer has reviewed the information submitted by Groundsolve Ltd, and the professional opinion provided by GroundSolve Ltd, report author of the Gas Risk Assessment, 23rd February 2021, which identifies that taking into consideration the specific foundation designs to be adopted (raft foundation: Mining Risk Assessment, 23 February 2021) a radon sump will need to be incorporated into the construction, of which will address the very low residual risk from possible mine gas, the Coal Authority's planning team would have no specific comments to this specific matter. The assessment has been made by a competent body and therefore their professional judgement should provide the LPA with assurance that all risks to a site have been fully assessed / mitigated.

I hope this helps clarify our position.

Take care

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Deb,

Further to your response on the 4th of January in connection, the applicants have made some further submissions following comments by our Contaminated Land team in respect of mine gas. A copy of the submissions and are attached. I also include the responses from Contaminated Land.

Whilst I note your response of the 4th of January confirmed no objection to the discharge of condition 04, I do need further advice from you on the matter of mine gas in light of these further submissions as well as the Contaminated Land comments.

Regards

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