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Cumberland Council (Copeland area)

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7 December 2023

Dear Ms Papaleo

**PLANNING APPLICATION: 4/23/2336/OR1**

**Reserved Matters application relating to Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale following outline application 4/21/2001/001 for a single dwelling including details of access at Harras Dyke Farm, Harras Dyke, Whitehaven**

Thank you for your consultation letter of 21 November 2023 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above planning application.

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's information indicates that the site lies within the boundaries of a wider site from which coal has been extracted by surface (opencast) methods.

You will be aware that the original application for outline planning permission (4/21/2001/001) was accompanied by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment report, prepared by Geoinvestigate Ltd. We raised no objection to the outline application on the basis that the report author was able to conclude that past opencast extraction did not

encroach within the application site and that underground coal mining legacy will not impact surface ground stability. We did not request the imposition of conditions on any planning permission granted.

We note that the applicant has now applied for approval of reserved matters details and is seeking the discharge of a number of conditions attached to the outline consent. As coal mining legacy related land instability matters were satisfactorily addressed at outline stage, the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team wishes to raise **no objection** to the current reserved matters application.

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

Yours sincerely

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