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For the attention of: Christopher Harrison

Cumberland Council (Copeland area)

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Dear Christopher Harrison

Re: 4/25/2265/0F1

Change of use of ground floor of former hsbc bank to speakeasy cafe bar with outdoor seating areas to rear and front including the installation of railings along the road frontage, the formation of new door opening with external steps in side (southeast) elevation and alteration of window to door in rear (northeast) elevation; 69 Lowther Street, Whitehaven

Thank you for your notification of 31 July 2025 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.

We have reviewed the site location plan provided and can confirm that the site falls within the Coal Authority's defined Development Low Risk Area. On this basis we have no specific comments to make.

However, in the interest of public safety, it is requested that the Coal Authority's Standing Advice note is drawn to the applicant's attention, where relevant.

Yours

