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For the attention of: Ms H. Morrison – Case Officer
Cumberland Council (Copeland area)

[By email: Development.Control3@cumberland.gov.uk]

10 February 2026

Dear Ms Morrison

Re: Planning application 4/26/2022/0F1

Proposed extension to existing battery storage facility at Woodend Farm, Woodend, Egremont

Thank you for your notification of 29 January 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority (trading as the Mining Remediation Authority) on the above 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:

I have reviewed the proposals and can confirm that the western end of the application site, where it would appear that no development is proposed, falls marginally within the defined Development High Risk Area. However, this risk is non coal mining related and is associated with an off-site ironstone mine shaft, the potential zone of influence of which extends marginally into the site. We must highlight that it falls outside the remit of the Coal Authority to provide comment on mining legacy that does not relate to the extraction of coal.

Given the absence of recorded coal mining legacy at the site, we wish to raise **no comments** in respect of this application. The LPA should seek its own technical advice on the safety and stability risks posed by past ironstone mining activity that may affect the site, which should be considered as part of any wider assessment of land stability issues and local ground conditions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss the above matters further.

Yours sincerely



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