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For the attention of: Ms H. Morrison - Case Officer

Cumberland Council (Copeland area)

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

17 July 2024

Dear Ms Morrison

Re: Planning application 4/24/2236/0B1

Variation of condition 2 (time period of temporary permission) of planning approval 4/22/2256/0F1 - temporary construction, testing and demolition of a mock chimney structure, erection of a demolition platform and associated works at 19 Leconfield Industrial Estate, Cleator Moor

Thank you for your notification of 16 July 2024 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

I have reviewed the site location plan, the proposal and supporting information submitted and available to view on the LPA website and can confirm that the application site falls marginally within the defined Development High Risk Area (DHRA).

The Coal Authority's information indicates that a coal seam is conjectured to outcrop in the extreme western corner of site, dipping in a westerly direction, which may have been worked in the past.

You will be aware from our consultation response letter of 28 June 2022 that we advised that the development proposed under planning application 4/22/2256/0F1 fell outside the DHRA. As such, we indicated that there was no requirement for a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to be submitted in support of the application or for the Coal Authority to be consulted on the proposal.

In light of the above, the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team has **no objection** to the variation of Condition 2 of the temporary permission subsequently issued to enable the retention of the development for a further two years, as specified in the application.

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

Yours sincerely

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