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Dear Chris

Re: 4/24/2297/DOC

Discharge of condition 3 of planning approval 4/24/2085/0B1; land to the west of Valley View Road, Whitehaven

Thank you for your notification of 30 August 2024 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.

The Coal Authority response:

Condition 3 of the planning permission states:

'No development shall commence until any remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address the mine entry and shallow coal mining works, as may be necessary, have been implemented on site in full in order to ensure that the site is safe and stable for the development proposed.'

The intrusive site investigations and remedial works shall be carried out in accordance with authoritative UK guidance.'

You will note the letter (dated 7 August 2024) from ID GeoEnvironmental Ltd, which accompanied 4/24/2240/DOC and which confirmed that all aspects of built development are outside the zone of influence of the shallow coalmine workings. The information allowed us to recommend the discharge of Condition 12 of 4/22/2332/0F1. Consequently, and on the basis that the Verification Report for the Treatment of Mineshaft 271515-008, which accompanies this application confirms the completion of the necessary treatment, the Planning and Development Team at **the Coal Authority is able to recommend the discharge of Condition 3.**

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

Yours sincerely

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In formulating this response The Coal Authority has taken full account of the professional conclusions reached by the competent person who has prepared the Coal Mining Risk Assessment or other similar report. In the event that any future claim for liability arises in relation to this development The Coal Authority will take full account of the views, conclusions and mitigation previously expressed by the professional advisers for this development in relation to ground conditions and the acceptability of development.



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