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Subject: FW: External Mail: 23/02378/REM, re objection from the Coal Authority
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Good afternoon

I've sent over a consultation in response to your comments relating to the above application following receipt of further information from the applicant. Please see email below which sets out the context. I'll upload onto the system as well.

Kind Regards
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Subject: RE: External Mail: 23/02378/REM, objection from the Coal Authority

Hi Clare,

Please find below a link to download the Validation Report for the Drilling and Grouting Works for the Lickers Lane site.

<https://we.tl/t-9cVJtpBPZh>

This report should address the comments/objections raised by the Coal Authority and provide the information you have requested. The report provides details of:

- The intrusive investigation of the mining situation beneath the proposed housing areas.
- The findings of those intrusive investigations.
- The locations of the recorded mineshafts and unrecorded mine shafts located during the works, together with recommendations on any exclusion zones where appropriate.
- The results of the treatment works undertaken on the mine workings and mine shafts encountered on the site.
- Details of any additional treatment works required to mine workings and mine shafts on the site.

One of the main comments from the Coal Authority was in relation to one mine shaft that they have stated has not been considered in relation to the proposed layout. Wardell Armstrong (who produced the Validation Report) believe they are referring to Shaft 347390-005 (shown on Drg No. GM11373-008 at page 1,205 of the Validation Report).

Although Wardell Armstrong have completed a partial search of this area, due to the limitations on access, presence of the overhead power lines in this part of the site, and associated health and safety risks, they have not been able to undertake any on-site investigation to identify the exact location of this shaft. This is why it is currently shown beneath one of the proposed plots. Recommendations are made in the Validation Report to complete the search for this shaft once this area can be accessed safely. However, the investigation won't be able to take place prior to the determination of the reserved matters application. As such, my initial thought is that a condition could be attached to the reserved matters that doesn't allow for the construction of the affected dwellings prior to it being demonstrated that the coal mining issues have been addressed. This is perhaps we can discuss further at our meeting next week and with the Coal Authority.

Notwithstanding this, Wardell Armstrong have confirmed that the previous Phase 1, Phase 2 and the mining remediation works (which can be accessed on the following link <https://we.tl/t-MOxibKyYwx> and have been submitted to discharge condition 9) adequately address the mining legacy issues at the site, and, provided the further works recommended within our Report are undertaken consider that the development can safely proceed.

If the documents included within the links above and our covering email could please be forwarded to the Coal Authority for review that would be greatly appreciated. In the meantime, should you have any further queries or require any additional information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

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