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FAO: Chris McArthur

1 / 11 / 2026

Re: Ref: 4/26.2316/0F1: Extension to existing storage building, Whitehaven Golf Club

Dear Chris,

I refer to your response as a consultee to the above planning application and Sarah Papaleo has kindly forwarded me a copy and address your concerns as follows:

It is fully acknowledged that there is a capped mine shaft approx 80m to the North of the proposed extension to an existing storage building, which presumably was capped when the opencast work was in progress.

The area of land on which Whitehaven Golf Club and associated buildings is located on land that has previously been the subject of extensive open cast mining around 50 years ago and the formation of the Golf Course began after the land was reclaimed around 1995, sadly the then owners put the land up for sale and it was bought by the present owners and indeed applicant to which this application relates in circa 2000 and the course has seen extensive ground works to develop the course and on what basis it has been operating as since.

As a result, the site has been the subject of a number of Planning Applications over many years, as the complex has developed, with applications for a Golf Driving Renge, Greenkeepers Storage Sheds, Club House and subsequent extension to the golf driving range, on the site, as can be seen from the plans submitted.

When undertaking the construction of the previously erected buildings on site, ground conditions were taken into account with foundation design being a key element of the process and advice sought from a structural engineer on the design, as will be the case in this instance, and the process has been very effective with no settlement of any building to date and on which the previous applications were accepted at the time and refer to my extension to the previously approved Driving Range in 2020. Ref: 4/20/2164/0F1 and a letter received at that time from Deb Roberts, Planning and Development Manager at the time confirming there were No Objections.

I trust you find this all in order and on the above basis overcomes your initial objection to the Planning Authority, however once you have had chance to look this response over

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should you have any queries and would like to discuss any matter further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Ken Thompson