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10 June 2020

Dear Mr Harrison

PLANNING APPLICATION: 4/20/2164/0F1

Proposed extension of existing driving range building to provide indoor putting facilities; Whitehaven Golf Club, Red Lonning, Whitehaven: Re-consultation

Thank you for your notification of 01 June 2020 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on further information submitted in support of the above planning application.

The Coal Authority Response: Material Consideration

As you are aware, the Coal Authority objected to this planning application in our previous letter to the LPA dated 13 May 2020 due to the lack of a Coal Mining Risk Assessment or equivalent to identify and mitigate the risk to the development from former coal mining activity.

We acknowledge receipt of an email from Mr Ken Thompson (Agent) dated 30 May 2020 confirming that when the building was built over 12 years ago, in designing the foundations the structural engineer took account of ground settlement as a result of opencast workings in the 1970's. Mr Thompson confirmed that the same approach will be incorporated for the proposed extension.

In light of the above, as mitigatory measures are to be incorporated in the foundation design for the proposed extension to mitigate the risk of ground conditions / settlement at this site, in this particular instance the Coal Authority is able to **withdraws its objection** to the proposal. Further, more detailed considerations of ground conditions and/or foundation design will be required as part of any subsequent building regulation application.

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

Yours sincerely

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