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For the Attention of: Ms L Anthony – Case Officer
Amber Valley Borough Council

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07th July 2022

Dear Ms Anthony

PLANNING APPLICATION: AVA/2022/0488

Proposal to extend the existing dot com storage area (may affect the setting of a listed building); Tesco Stores Ltd, Hall Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7BQ

Thank you for your consultation notification of 27 June 2022 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 of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. 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 plans and the proposals and supporting information available to view on the LPA website and can confirm that part of the site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority records indicate that a coal outcrop runs through site, adjacent to the southern boundary and this may have been subject to unrecorded workings at shallow depth. If workings are present within the outcrop these may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

However, the part of the site where the development is proposed lies outside of the defined High Risk Area. Therefore we do not consider that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment is necessary to support this proposal and we **do not object** to this planning application.

However as the site lies within an area where coal mining activity has taken place it is requested that the following wording is included as an Informative Note on any planning permission granted:

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.

Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/coalauthority

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

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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