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

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26 June 2023

Dear Ms Anthony

PLANNING APPLICATION: AVA/2023/0145

Installation of wood cabin in car park area to be used exclusively by staff for breaks (may affect the setting of a listed building) at 14a Derby Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3HQ

Thank you for your consultation letter of 15 June 2023 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 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: Material Consideration

I have reviewed the site location plan, the proposals and supporting information available to view on the LPA website and can confirm that part of the application site falls within the defined Development High Risk Area.

The Coal Authority's information indicates that part of the application site lies in an area where historic unrecorded underground coal mining is likely to have taken place at shallow depth. Such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.
However, the part of the site where the development is proposed lies outside the 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.

Although the cabin is to be located outside the Development High Risk Area, 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 application site lies in a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any suspected coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0800 288 4242. Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority.

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

Yours sincerely

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