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For the attention of: Ms R Godson – Case Officer
Amber Valley Borough Council

[By email: development@ambervalley.gov.uk]

10th September 2026

Dear Ms Godson

Re: AVA/2026/0537 - Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 No. dwelling; Land to rear of 79 Church Street, Denby Village, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 8PH

Thank you for your notification of the 27th August 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

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.

Our records indicate that the application site is in an area of recorded and probable coal workings at shallow depth. It is a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework that the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the LPA that the application site is safe, stable and suitable for development. We would therefore expect the potential risks posed to surface stability by past coal mining activity to be properly considered, and any necessary remedial works carried out in order to ensure the safety and stability of the development proposed.

On the basis of the above the Coal Authority **wish to be consulted on any future technical details consent** submitted, should Planning in Principle be granted.

Any application for approval of technical details consent should be supported by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, or equivalent report, which should make an assessment of the coal mining legacy risks present on the site and inform any remedial works necessary to address any identified land instability issues.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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