



The Coal
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Newark & Sherwood District Council - Amended Allocations & Development Management Consultation

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Dear Sir/Madam

Amended Allocations & Development Management Consultation

Thank you for your notification received on the 14th November 2022 in respect of the above consultation.

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.

Our records indicate that within the Newark and Sherwood District area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including; mine entries, mine gas sites and reported surface hazards. These features pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

Please find below our comments in respect of the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD

Allocations

We are pleased to see that the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD makes reference to the requirement for investigations into the risks posed by shallow coal workings within the criteria set out in the housing site allocations. Policy Ra/Ho/2 is an example of this, with reference made to "*The investigation of the potential impact arising from the legacy of former coal mining activities within Rainworth and the implementation of any necessary mitigation measures.*" We also note the Clipstone Colliery site allocation and reference to suitable measures being required to address the legacy left by its former use as a colliery.

Policy DM5(b) Design

We are pleased to see that Policy DM5(b) Design includes at criteria 9 reference to land stability and the need for developments to take account of the ground conditions and

implemented mitigation measures to ensure their safety. We support the inclusion of this policy.

Should you wish to discuss these comments further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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