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Dear Planning Policy Team

Re: Broseley Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your notification received on the 23 July 2021 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.

Within the identified Broseley Neighbourhood Plan area our records indicate that there are risks arising from past coal mining activity at surface and shallow depth. These risk features include; approximately 223 mine entries, shallow coal workings, surface mining activity and reported surface hazards.

The Neighbourhood Plan appears to allocate sites for future development and these should be assessed against the downloadable GIS data that the Coal Authority provides the LPA in respect of Development Risk and Surface Coal Resource plans. It is not clear in the Neighbourhood Plan documents if such assessments have taken place. This is particularly important where past coal mining features are present which may have implications for the development layout (mine entries, surface mining highwalls), and thereby impact the quantum of development which can be accommodated on a site.

There may be mine entries on, or around, the Avenue Road site which may have implications for layout and the quantum of development which can be accommodated. These features pose a potential risk to public safety and surface stability. Where past coal

mining features are present and pose a potential development constraint these should be identified in any allocation supporting text or relevant policy. It is requested that the sites proposed are assessed against the GIS data provided by the Coal Authority in order to identify if any coal mining legacy risk features are present and to draw attention to these in the Neighbourhood Plan, where relevant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully

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