



The Coal
Authority

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council - Local Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment: Air Quality Assessment Consultation

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Dear Spatial Planning Team

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Thank you for your notification received on the 3rd February 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 Calderdale area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including; mine entries, shallow coal workings and extraction of coal by surface mining methods. These features pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

The Coal Authority's also records indicate that surface coal resource is present on the site, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified

where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource.

It is noted however that this current consultation relates only to information in relation to the Habitats Regulations. I can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make in respect of this consultation.

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

Yours faithfully

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