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Dear Ms Metcalfe

Leekfrith Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for the notification of the 31 July 2019 consulting The Coal Authority on the above NDP.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body which works to protect the public and the environment in coal mining areas. Our statutory role in the planning system is to provide advice about new development in the coalfield areas and also protect coal resources from unnecessary sterilisation by encouraging their extraction, where practical, prior to the permanent surface development commencing.

As you will be aware the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined coalfield.

According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the area including; mine entries and likely historic unrecorded underground coal workings at shallow depth.

However the only area identified for development within the plan is not within the area where our records indicate that coal mining legacy features at shallow depth are present. On this basis we have no specific comments to make on the Neighbourhood Plan as proposed.

Yours sincerely

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