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Dear Sir/Madam

Desford Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for the notification of the 21 January 2020 consulting The Coal Authority on the above Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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 form of two mine entries.

We note that the Neighbourhood Plan allocates a site for future housing development, however, this site does not appear to be in the area where the recorded mine entries are present. On this basis we have no specific comments to make.

Yours faithfully



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