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Dear Mr Clarke

Abberley Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for the notification of the 3 December 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.

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

According to the Coal Authority records there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity at shallow depth in the Neighbourhood Plan area, including; mine entries and recorded and likely unrecorded coal mine workings.

It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan does not propose to allocate any new sites for development, with those sites included in the document already formally allocated in the South Worcestershire Development Plan. On this basis we have no specific comments to make.

Yours sincerely


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