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Dear Sir/Madam

Baginton, Bubbenhall, Stoneleigh & Ashow Neighbourhood Plan – Area Designation

Thank you for the notification of the 13 February 2015 consulting The Coal Authority on the above

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 proposed neighbourhood plan area is located within the deep coal resource area of the defined coalfield. However no surface coal resource is present and there is no 'high risk' mining legacy features present in the plan area. The eastern side of the proposed area falls in the 'development low risk'. Consequently The Coal Authority has no specific comments to make on the Neighbourhood Plan.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency of resources and proportionality it will not be necessary for you to provide The Coal Authority with any future updates to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. This letter can be used as evidence for the legal and procedural consultation requirements.

The Coal Authority wishes the plan team every success with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

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