Dear Sir/Madam

**Darley Dale Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for the notification of the 26 February 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. Our records now indicate that the Neighbourhood Plan area does not contain recorded risks from past coal mining activity at shallow depth.

On the basis of the above we have no specific comments to make on the Neighbourhood Plan as proposed.
Yours faithfully

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