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Dear Sir or Madam

**Re: Bradley Neighbourhood Development Plan** 

Thank you for your notification received on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in respect of the above consultation.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

Our records indicate that within the identified Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including: mine entries and probable shallow coal workings. These features pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

It does not appear that the Neighbourhood Plan, as proposed, allocates any sites for future development and on this basis the Planning team at the Coal Authority have **no specific comments** to make on this document. However, if the Neighbourhood Plan does intend to allocate sites for future development, consideration will need to be given to the potential risks posed to surface stability by past coal mining activity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully,

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