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For the Attention of: Case Officer
High Peak Borough Council

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Dear Sir or Madam

PLANNING APPLICATION: HPK/2023/0442

Proposed solar array, supporting energy infrastructure and associated site works incorporating, access, security fencing and landscape planting at Carpenter Plc, Dinting Lodge Industrial Estate, Dinting, Glossop

Thank you for your consultation letter of 23 October 2023 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above planning application.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. 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.

The Coal Authority Response: FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

The application site falls partly within the defined Development High Risk Area; therefore within the application site and surrounding area there are coal mining features and hazards which need to be considered in relation to development proposals.

More specifically, the Coal Authority's information indicates that a coal seam outcrops at or close to the surface within the site, which may have been subject to historic unrecorded mining activity at shallow depth within the western part of the site. Voids

and broken ground associated with such workings can pose a risk of ground instability and may give rise to the emission of mine gases.

We note that Section 2.8 *Mining & Quarrying* of the supporting Geotechnical Desk Study (19 April 2023, prepared by Mabbett) states that '*A comprehensive assessment of the risks associated with mining are covered within a separate submission (3365-MHB-REP-002 Mining Risk Assessment).*' Unfortunately, it does not appear that the Mining Risk Assessment has been published on the LPA website.

In order to enable the Coal Authority's Planning & Development Team to comment fully on this application, please provide us with a copy of the aforementioned report for review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

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