



The Coal
Authority

Warrington Borough Council - Local Plan 2021-2038 - Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

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Date

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Dear Planning Policy & Programmes Team

RE: Local Plan 2021-2038 - Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

Thank you for your notification received on the 15th March 2023 in respect of the above consultation.

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.

Our records indicate that within the Warrington area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface or shallow depth including; mine entries and mine gas sites. These recorded features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

The Coal Authority's records also indicate that surface coal resource is present in the area, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource.

I have reviewed the Main Modifications proposed and can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make.

Yours faithfully

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