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Ms Helen Gregory – Policy Officer
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Dear Ms Gregory

Selby District LDF – Further Proposed Changes (6th Set) to Submission Draft Core Strategy

Thank you for consulting The Coal Authority on the above.

Having reviewed the above document, proposing modifications in light of the publication of the NPPF, I have the following brief comments to make:

PC6.15 – Objective 15

The Coal Authority supports the inclusion of a reference in this objective to the need to protect natural resources including safeguarding known locations of minerals resources, in line with paragraph 143 of the NPPF. The duty to ensure appropriate consideration of non-mineral development proposals within mineral safeguarding areas (MSA) applies to all LPAs, not just to MPAs; therefore this modification is necessary. Whilst there are no surface coal resources within Selby, there is an active deep mine at Kellingley Colliery, which is likely to form part of the MSA defined by the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

PC6.81 – Policy CP12

The Coal Authority supports the addition of criterion f) to Part A of Policy CP12, in line with paragraph 120 of the NPPF. There is a limited legacy of past coal mining activity within Selby that poses a potential risk to the stability of new development, in the form of 15 recorded mine entries and geological weaknesses (fissures).

The Coal Authority has previously provided GIS data of this coal mining legacy to the Council's Development Management Department in order to highlight those development proposals that will need to be accompanied by a Coal Mining Risk Assessment and for which consultation with The Coal Authority is required. For this reason The Coal Authority

considers it important that the potential for local land instability is acknowledged within the Selby Core Strategy.

We look forward to receiving your emerging planning policy related documents; preferably in an electronic format. For your information, we can receive documents via our generic email address planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk, on a CD/DVD, or a simple hyperlink which is emailed to our generic email address and links to the document on your website.

Alternatively, please mark all paper consultation documents and correspondence for the attention of Planning and Local Authority Liaison.

Should you require any assistance please contact a member of Planning and Local Authority Liaison at The Coal Authority on our direct line.

Yours sincerely

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