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Dear Mr Broadhead

Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Neighbourhood Plan – Submission

Thank you for the notification of the 21 December 2016 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 deep coalfield. This part of the coalfield contains an access agreement from the Coal Authority to extract Coal Bed Methane granted in 2008.

However the plan area contains no surface coal resource and is not located within the Coal Authority defined Development High Risk Area. Consequently the Coal Authority has **no specific comments** to make on the Neighbourhood Plan.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency of resources and proportionality it will not be necessary for you to provide The Coal Authority with any future drafts or updates to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. This letter can be used as evidence for the legal and procedural consultation requirements.

The Coal Authority wishes the Neighbourhood Plan team every success with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

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