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For the attention of: Planning Policy Team

Hyndburn Borough Council

[By email: planningpolicy@hyndburnbc.gov.uk]

28th April 2026

Dear Planning Policy Team

Re: Hyndburn 2040 The Local Plan Regulation 24 Submission Version with Proposed Main Modifications consultation

Thank you for your notification of the 3rd March 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

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 Hyndburn area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including; mine entries, coal workings and reported surface hazards. These features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

I have reviewed the Main Modifications proposed, which do not remove or amend Policy SP13 criteria (m), in which our interest lies, and can therefore confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on the changes and additions as proposed.

Yours faithfully

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