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[BY EMAIL ONLY]

16th April 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

<u>Future Planning Policy Consultations with The Coal Authority for Local Authorities</u> not on the defined coalfield in England

As you will be aware the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 came into force on the 6th April 2012. The Coal Authority remains a Specific Consultation Body for emerging Development Plans.

In the interests of efficient use of resources, as your administrative area lies wholly outside of the current defined coalfield; it is not necessary to specifically consult The Coal Authority on your emerging planning policy documents.

Please accept and retain this letter as the formal consultation response of "No Observations" from The Coal Authority for the purposes of meeting your procedural consultation requirements.

Please note from the date of this letter we will not respond individually to any new development plan consultations that you may send in the future.

I would be grateful if you would update your consultation database accordingly to avoid the need to send unnecessary consultations, particularly hard copies.

Yours faithfully

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