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16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Ms Palmer

**RE: Swannington Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Thank you for your notification received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 in respect of the above consultation.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. 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 Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including; mine entries, shallow coal workings and reported surface hazards. These features pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

The Coal Authority's records also indicate that surface coal resource is present on the site, 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.

It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan includes at Figure 2 and housing site allocation. I have reviewed this against our data and can confirm that it does not appear that coal mining legacy features are present on this site at surface or shallow depth. Should any

additional sites be proposed for future allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan we would expect these to be assessed against our downloadable GIS data, which we provide to North West Leicestershire District Council.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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