



The Coal  
Authority

Resolving the impacts of mining

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Coal Authority



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Dear Sir/Madam

**Steeton, Eastburn & Silsden Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for the notification of the 17 September 2019 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 coalfield. According to the Coal Authority records there are risks from past coal mining activity including; mine entries and other mining legacy risks arising from unrecorded probable shallow coal workings.

Some of the mine entries are located in the A6034 corridor around Cringles, others lie in the northern half of the plan area, whilst the main concentration of mine entries are located in the Robin Hood Wood area. The unrecorded probable shallow coal workings are predominantly located in the same broad areas.

It would appear that the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any sites for future development and on this basis we have no specific comments to make.

Yours sincerely

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