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**For the attention of: Ms V Asimaki – Principal Policy Officer (Engagement)**

Canterbury City Council

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30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Ms Asimaki

**Re: Draft Canterbury District Local Plan**

Thank you for your notification of the 12th March 2024 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 Canterbury area there are limited coal mining features at surface or shallow depth, namely 2 mine entries and 3 reported hazards. These features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

The 2 mine entries are located in Hersden in the vicinity of the Canterbury Industrial Park and it does not appear that any site allocations are proposed in this area.

We are however pleased to see the inclusion of Policy DM19 – Contaminated and unstable land, which set out requirements for consideration of land instability and any remedial measures necessary. The Coal Authority supports the inclusion of this policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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