



The Coal  
Authority

## Canterbury District Local Plan To 2045 (Consultation)

**Consultation Deadline –16/01/2023**

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### Date

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Policy and Strategy team,

### **Draft Canterbury District Local Plan To 2045**

Thank you for your notification received on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 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.

The Coal Authority records indicate that within the Canterbury District area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including: Mine entries and reported surface hazards. According to the records we hold, two mine entries are located at Canterbury Industrial Park, Island Rd, Hersden, Canterbury CT3 4HQ.

We wish to highlight that these mine entry features are recorded as being potentially filled with waste material. However, we also hold information to indicate that the mine entries were treated and capped in 1974.

As you will be aware the Coal Authority provides the LPA with downloadable GIS data to identify the Coal Mining Development High Risk Area. If consideration is being given to any future development proposals, including site allocation, where our records indicate the recorded mine entries are present, consideration should be given to the potential risks these features pose and their implications for any layout proposed.

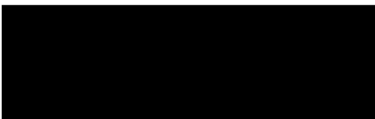
The Coal Authority is of the opinion that building over the top of, or in close proximity to, mine entries should be avoided wherever possible, even after they have been capped, in line with our adopted policy:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries>

In relation to this current consultation I have reviewed the Canterbury District Local Plan To 2045 and can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority has no specific comments to make on the content of this document.

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

Yours faithfully,



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