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For the attention of: Planning Policy Team
Canterbury City Council

[By email: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk]

7th May 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Canterbury City Council Draft Local Plan

Thank you for your notification of the 23rd March 2026 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 DM16 – Contaminated and unstable land, which sets out requirements for consideration in respect 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 faithfully



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