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**For the attention of:** [REDACTED]

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

[By email: [REDACTED]]

10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Consultation - Regulation 16**

Thank you for your notification of 4 November 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 Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including; mine entries, coal workings and reported surface hazards. These features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.

It is noted however that this Plan does not propose to allocate any new sites for future development and on this basis we have no specific comments to make on this document.

Yours sincerely

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