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For the Attention of: Mr Daley Parsonage

St Helens Council

[By Email: planning@sthelens.gov.uk]

12 January 2021

Dear Mr Daley Parsonage

PLANNING APPLICATION: P/2021/0026/S73 CONDITION

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approval P/2018/0848/FUL to alter the internal arrangement and elevational changes; LAND AT FORMER THATTO HEATH ROYAL BRITISH REGION CLUB, SCHOLLS LANE, THATTO HEATH, ST HELENS, WA10 3NU

Thank you for your consultation notification of the 11 January 2021 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the above planning application.

The Coal Authority Response: Material Consideration

I can confirm that the above planning application has been sent to us incorrectly for consultation.

The application site **does not** fall within the defined Development High Risk Area and is located instead within the defined Development Low Risk Area. This means that there is no requirement under the risk-based approach that has been agreed with the LPA for a Coal Mining Risk Assessment to be submitted or for The Coal Authority to be consulted.

The Coal Authority Recommendation to the LPA

In accordance with the agreed approach to assessing coal mining risks as part of the development management process, if this proposal is granted planning permission, it will be necessary to include The Coal Authority's Standing Advice within the Decision Notice as an informative note to the applicant in the interests of public health and safety.

Yours sincerely

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