



Informative Note

The proposed development lies within an area that has been defined by the Coal Authority as containing coal mining features at surface or shallow depth. These features may include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and former surface mining sites. Although such features are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur, particularly as a result of new development taking place.

Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant land stability and public safety risks. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design which takes into account all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including mine gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at:

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

Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Coal Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, excavations for foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Failure to obtain a Coal Authority Permit for such activities is trespass, with the potential for court action.

If any coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is available on the Coal Authority website at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

Informative Note valid from 1st January 2023 until 31st December 2024

Hi

Thank you for your email and consultation.

As this is a Householder Application, I can confirm that we do not require the submission of a Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) and consultation with us is not required in this case.

Further information on the type of applications and developments which are exempt from needing to be supported by a CMRA can be found on the following Exemptions List. For these cases there is no need for you to consult the Planning and Development Team at The Coal Authority.

England - Prior notifications fall on our exemptions list. For those developments under Class ZA (demolition and construction of new dwellings) it would be prudent to consult us so that we can confirm the coal mining legacy features present.

We do, however, request that you attach our Informative Notice to the Decision Notice if planning permission is granted – please see attached.

I trust you will find this helpful.

Kind regards

