



Planning Policy Team Leader

[By email: local.plan@southdebryshire.gov.uk]

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Dear 

Re: South Derbyshire - Local Plan Part 2 Review Issues and Options

Thank you for your notification of the 21st November 2025 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 South Derbyshire 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.

I have reviewed the consultation document, Part 2 Local Plan Review – Issues and Options, and can confirm that we have no specific comments to make to the questions asked. However, in light of the coal mining legacy recorded in the area we do recommend that a relevant policy, in respect of land instability and addressing risks posed to new development, is included in the Local Plan.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely


Principal Planning & Development Manager