



**For the attention of: The Planning Policy Team**

Shropshire Council

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Dear Planning Policy Team

**Re: Shropshire Updated Green Belt Topic Paper**

Thank you for your notification of the 25th April 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 Shropshire 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 consultation seeks views on the document noted above and I can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no comments to make on this.

Yours faithfully

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