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For the Attention of: Secretary of State for Transport

**[By Email: [transportinfrastructure@dft.gov.uk](mailto:transportinfrastructure@dft.gov.uk)]**

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Dear Secretary of State for Transport

**Transport and Works Act 1992**

**The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006**

**The Network Rail (Leeds to Micklefield Enhancements) Order 202[X];  
Transpennine Line Between, Leeds and Micklefield**

Thank you for your notification received on the 17th July 2023 in respect of 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 large parts of the route fall within the defined Development High Risk Area. These are areas where our records indicate that coal mining features are present at surface and shallow depth which may pose a risk to surface stability and public safety.

Where coal mining features are present in an area where construction works are proposed we would expect consideration to be given to the risks posed by these recorded features and any investigations necessary to be carried out. The findings of these investigations should inform any remedial work necessary to address risks posed by past coal mining activity and ensure the safety and stability of the development. Where mining features have been identified as posing a risk to the development the investigatory works and any required remedial measures should be implemented prior to the impacted element of the scheme commencing.

The Coal Authority is of the opinion that building over the top of, or in close proximity to, mine entries should be avoided wherever possible, even after they have been capped, in line with our adopted policy:

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

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully



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