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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Hengrove and Whitchurch Park Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for the notification of the 11 May 2018 consulting The Coal Authority on the above NDP.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body which works to protect the public and the environment in coal mining areas. Our statutory role in the planning system is to provide advice about new development in the coalfield areas and also protect coal resources from unnecessary sterilisation by encouraging their extraction, where practical, prior to the permanent surface development commencing.

As you will be aware the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined deep coalfield. However, the plan area has no surface coal resources or noted mining legacy features at shallow depth and therefore we have no specific comments to make.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this issue further.

Yours faithfully

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