



The Coal
Authority

Bristol Old Market Quarter - Neighbourhood Development Plan (Submission)

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Thank you for the notification of the 9 February 2015 consulting The Coal Authority on the above

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 coalfield.

According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans for Bristol, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the form of 2 recorded mine entries, recorded shallow coal workings and thick outcrops. This affects the long-term site at the eastern side of the site. This also affects sites 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3, together with sites 9.1 and 9.4, site C10 and sites 12.1 to 12.4.

Future development in these areas will need to consider how development responds to the risks to surface stability in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Bristol Development Plan. However it is my view that the mining legacy features in this case should not preclude their allocation in the neighbourhood plan.

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