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Dear Planning Policy Team

Further to your consultation of 01 November 2017, please find attached as requested The Coal Authority's comments on the (5) Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan - Issues and Options Consultation .
Should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised, please feel free to contact us.

Regards

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Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan - Issues and Options Consultation

Consultation Deadline – 14 January 2018

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Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan - Issues and Options Consultation

Thank you for your notification received on the 1 November 2017 in respect of the above consultation.

The current Issues and Options Consultation is an early stage in the Local Plan process and asks a series of questions. The Coal Authority has the following comments to make on the current consultation and questions asked:

Q1. No specific comments to make.

Q2. The Coal Authority is pleased to see that the draft vision identifies the importance of mineral reserves and the need to safeguard them against inappropriate development.

Q3. The Coal Authority is pleased to see restoration and safeguarding of minerals identified as key strategic issues.

Q4/Q5. No specific comments to make.

Q6/Q7. No specific comments to make.

Q8/Q9/Q10. No specific comments to make.

Q11. No specific comments to make.

Q12/Q13. No specific comments to make.

Q14. No specific comments to make.

Q15/Q16. No specific comments to make.

Q17/Q18. No specific comments to make.

Q19. No specific comments to make.

Q20. No specific comments to make.

Q21/Q22. No specific comments to make.

Q23. The Coal Authority agrees that the use of a criteria based policy to assess any proposals for energy minerals is appropriate.

The Coal Authority supports the approach to coal recovery from tip washing and colliery lagoons, which can provide a useful source of coal and can help to reduce the scale and impact of historic mineral waste. It can, at times, also be a useful method of removing mining legacy instability in some tips and/or allowing them to be re-engineered into less artificial landforms.

We would hope that this policy will be flexible enough to cater for small scale prior extraction surface coal proposals, most of which are likely to occur in existing urban areas, as well as more major stand-alone surface coal extraction. This type of prior extraction often takes place to address historic mining legacy as the removal of remaining surface coal deposits can be more economically viable than hard engineering solutions such as grout fill.

Q24. The Coal Authority supports the inclusion of a criteria based hydrocarbons policy within the Local Plan. We also support the inclusion of a plan which identifies the PEDL areas.

Q25. No specific comments to make.

Q26. The Coal Authority is pleased to see the identification of surface coal resource within the list of Nottinghamshire's eight distinct mineral resources.

It is not clear from Plan 7 – Minerals safeguarding in Nottinghamshire- if the whole of the county boundary is designated as the mineral safeguarding area or just the coloured areas, which appear to identify areas where minerals are present.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of the above comments.

Regards



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