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Dear Mr West

Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan – Submission

Thank you for the notification of the 15 January 2106 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.

According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are no recorded risks from past coal mining activity. Therefore The Coal Authority has **no specific comments** to make on the Neighbourhood Plan.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency of resources and proportionality it will not be necessary for you to provide The Coal Authority with any future drafts or updates to

the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. This letter can be used as evidence for the legal and procedural consultation requirements.

The Coal Authority wishes the Neighbourhood Plan team every success with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

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