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Dear Mr Bahey

Wolston Neighbourhood Plan – Area Designation

Thank you for the notification of the 21 September 2015 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 western fringe of the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined deep coalfield. However as this consultation only relates to the proposed designation of the neighbourhood plan area, The Coal Authority has **no specific comments** to make at this stage.

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. Please use this letter 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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