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**For the attention of: Lyndsey Hayes – Case Officer**  
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4 March 2026

Dear Lyndsey

**Re: 3/2026/0149**

**EIA Screening Opinion for the proposed development of approx 80 dwellings with new access and internal roads, associated drainage and utility infrastructure and public open space; land at Hammond Ground, Whalley Road, Read, BB12 7RP**

Thank you for your consultation letter of 2 March 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above.

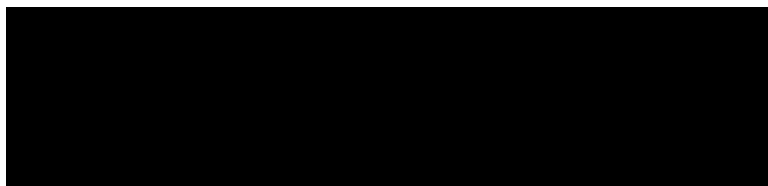
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#### The Coal Authority Response

Whether or not any future proposal for the redevelopment of this site is to be accompanied by an Environmental Statement is for the decision of the LPA. However, as part of any formal planning application, on the basis that areas within the planning boundary are within the defined Development High Risk Area, the applicant will need to submit a Coal Mining Risk Assessment, or equivalent report for the site.

I hope this is helpful but please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely



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