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Dear Ms Hague

Sutton Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation on Plan Area

Thank you for the email of the 19 November 2014 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 Sutton Parish area is outside of the defined coalfield and therefore The Coal Authority has **no specific comments** to make on the definition of the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency of resources and proportionality it will not be necessary 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.

Yours sincerely

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