



The Coal
Authority

Resolving the **impacts** of mining

Planning and technical advice

Take advice from the experts

Led by our expert chartered town planners, the Coal Authority planning and technical service is designed to give developers and land owners peace of mind, when considering development or other activities within areas of past coal mining activity.

Our planning team work closely with public and private sector clients to provide expert and specialist advice. This underpins the safe and stable re-development of sites throughout Britain's coalfield.

What does it cover?



initial site appraisal



site layout/masterplan
recommendations



specialist planning
application advice



meeting or site visit
can be built into cost



review of technical
documents



confirmation of land
risk status

Why you need it

Early advice from us can help you to find the sites with the greatest development potential and the fewest high risk mining features. Once you have a particular site in mind we can help you to make detailed layout considerations to maximise development potential. By seeking our guidance before making a planning application, you can improve the chances of a successful outcome and potentially save significant time and further cost outlay in the determination process. Whether or not you need planning permission, our technical advice will help you to achieve a safe and stable development solution.

over

11%

of Britain lies within
the coalfield

15%

of coalfield land is
considered high risk
for new development

15

days or less
turnaround for
most enquiries

The right advice for **developers** and **consultants**



our advice will help you to significantly reduce the risk of delays and costs during the planning application stage



we have a proven track record of helping clients to minimise risks to public safety



we provide timely advice on cost effective solutions to maximise the development potential of sites



you will benefit from our expert insight at the earliest stage of your project. We will make sure that consideration is given to the risks posed by coal mining legacy



our advice may be of direct relevance to the layout and design of the development and construction management

How to make **an enquiry**

Please email your enquiries to us giving as many details as you can to **planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk**. This should include any supporting documents and a summary of the questions that you would like answering. Please see our website for more information on the specific information that we require from you.

What response **can I expect?**

- bespoke, professional and confidential advice
- a written response to most enquiries within 15 working days of registration, subject to complete background information being provided. Expedited service available



Other services **you may be interested in**

We provide a range of products and services to cover each stage of the planning and development process. Contact us to find out how we can help with your project. We can also assist with high level risk appraisals, Coal Mining Risk Assessments and the design of technical solutions. Please contact us for more details. If any operations involve altering or entering coal mine workings, entries or seams, then you will also need to apply for a permit from the Coal Authority.

Contact **us**

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