



The Coal  
Authority

# CON29M

## coal mining report

SAMPLE ADDRESS



### No known or potential coal mining risks

No recorded or potential coal mining features have been identified in the report.



### Further action

There are no further actions required as no known or potential coal mining risks have been identified.

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### Professional opinion

According to the official mining information records held by the Coal Authority at the time of this search, there were no areas of concern relating to coal mining.

Your reference: **Sample report**  
Our reference: **71005180624002**  
Date: **24 June 2019**

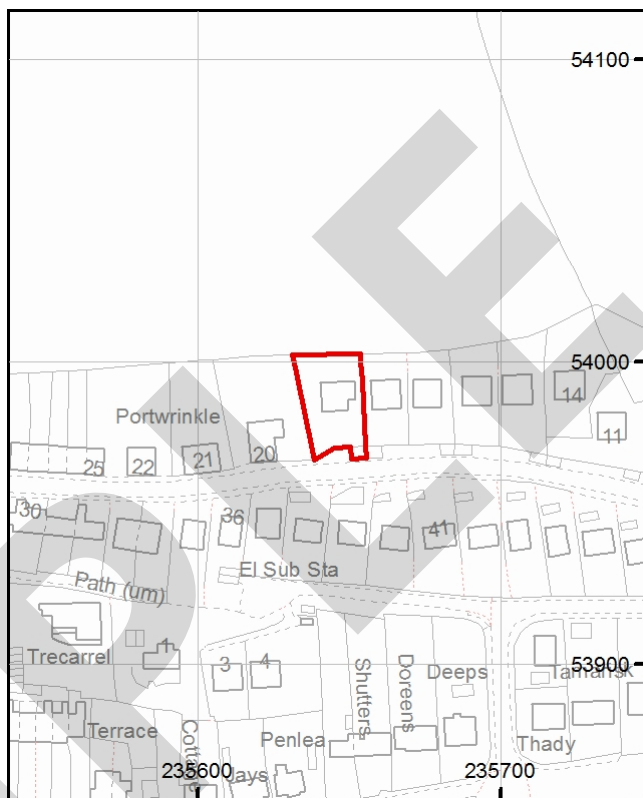
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# Enquiry boundary

## Key

Approximate position of enquiry boundary shown



We can confirm that the location is **off the coalfield**



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# Detailed findings

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## 1 Past underground coal mining

The property is not within a surface area that could be affected by any past recorded underground coal mining.

## 2 Present underground coal mining

The property is not within a surface area that could be affected by present underground mining.

## 3 Future underground coal mining

The property is not in an area where the Coal Authority has received an application for, and is currently considering whether to grant a licence to remove or work coal by underground methods.

The property is not in an area where a licence has been granted to remove or otherwise work coal using underground methods.

The property is not in an area likely to be affected from any planned future underground coal mining.

No notices have been given, under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991, stating that the land is at risk of subsidence.

## 4 Mine entries

There are no recorded coal mine entries known to the Coal Authority within, or within 20 metres, of the boundary of the property.

## 5 Coal mining geology

The Coal Authority is not aware of any damage due to geological faults or other lines of weakness that have been affected by coal mining.

## 6 Past opencast coal mining

The property is not within the boundary of an opencast site from which coal has been removed by opencast methods.

## 7 Present opencast coal mining

The property does not lie within 200 metres of the boundary of an opencast site from which coal is being removed by opencast methods.

## 8 Future opencast coal mining

There are no licence requests outstanding to remove coal by opencast methods within 800 metres of the boundary.

The property is not within 800 metres of the boundary of an opencast site for which a licence to remove coal by opencast methods has been granted.

## 9 Coal mining subsidence

The Coal Authority has not received a damage notice or claim for the subject property, or any property within 50 metres of the enquiry boundary, since 31 October 1994.

There is no current Stop Notice delaying the start of remedial works or repairs to the property.

The Coal Authority is not aware of any request having been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

## 10 Mine gas

The Coal Authority has no record of a mine gas emission requiring action.

## 11 Hazards related to coal mining

The property has not been subject to remedial works, by or on behalf of the Coal Authority, under its Emergency Surface Hazard Call Out procedures.

## 12 Withdrawal of support

The property is not in an area where a notice to withdraw support has been given.

The property is not in an area where a notice has been given under section 41 of the Coal Industry Act 1994, cancelling the entitlement to withdraw support.

## 13 Working facilities order

The property is not in an area where an order has been made, under the provisions of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Acts 1923 and 1966 or any statutory modification or amendment thereof.

## 14 Payments to owners of former copyhold land

The property is not in an area where a relevant notice has been published under the Coal Industry Act 1975/Coal Industry Act 1994.

# Statutory cover



## Coal mining subsidence

In the unlikely event of any coal mining related subsidence damage, the Coal Authority or the mine operator has a duty to take remedial action in respect of subsidence caused by the withdrawal of support from land or property in connection with lawful coal mining operations.

When the works are the responsibility of the Coal Authority, our dedicated public safety and subsidence team will manage the claim. The house or land owner ("the owner") is covered for these works under the terms of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991 (as amended by the Coal Industry Act 1994). Please note, this Act does not apply where coal was worked or gotten by virtue of the grant of a gale in the Forest of Dean, or any other part of the Hundred of St. Briavels in the county of Gloucester.

If you believe your land or property is suffering from coal mining subsidence damage and you need more information on what to do next, please use the following link to our website which sets out what your rights are and what you need to consider before making a claim.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coal-mining-subsidence-damage-notice-form](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coal-mining-subsidence-damage-notice-form)



## Coal mining hazards

Our public safety and subsidence team provide a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week hazard reporting service, to help protect the public from hazards caused by past coal workings, such as a mine shaft or shallow working collapse. To report any hazards please call **01623 646 333**. Further information can be found on our website: [www.gov.uk/coalauthority](http://www.gov.uk/coalauthority).

# Glossary



## Key terms

**adit** - horizontal or sloped entrance to a mine

**coal mining subsidence** - ground movement caused by the removal of coal by underground mining

**Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991** - the Act setting out the duties of the Coal Authority to repair damage caused by coal mining subsidence

**coal mining subsidence damage** - damage to land, buildings or structures caused by the removal of coal by underground mining

**coal seams** - bed of coal of varying thickness

**future opencast coal mining** - a licence granted, or licence application received, by the Coal Authority to excavate coal from the surface

**future underground coal mining** - a licence granted, or licence application received, by the Coal Authority to excavate coal underground. Although it is unlikely, remaining coal reserves could create a possibility for future mining, which would be licensed by the Coal Authority

**mine entries** - collective name for shafts and adits

**payments to owners of former copyhold land** - historically, copyhold land gave rights to coal to the copyholder. Legislation was set up to allow others to work this coal, but they had to issue a notice and pay compensation if a copyholder came forward

**shaft** - vertical entry into a mine

**site investigation** - investigations of coal mining risks carried out with the Coal Authority's permission

**stop notice** - a delay to repairs because further coal mining subsidence damage may occur and it would be unwise to carry out permanent repairs

**subsidence claim** - a formal notice of subsidence damage to the Coal Authority since it was established on 31 October 1994

**withdrawal of support** - a historic notice informing landowners that the coal beneath their property was going to be worked

**working facilities orders** - a court order which gave permission, restricted or prevented coal mine workings