

## Comment

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**Q1. To which document do your comments relate?** Neighbourhood Plan Draft Submission Version

**Q2. Do you wish to?** Make observations

**Q3. Please provide your comments below making clear which part of the document you are referring to (specifying relevant paragraphs, tables, figures, boxes or appendices).**

### **Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for the notification of the 7 December 2019 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 Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined coalfield.

According to the Coal Authority records there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the area including; mine entries, fissures/breaklines and coal outcrops which may have been subject to historic unrecorded workings at shallow depth.

It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any sites for future development and on this basis we have no specific comments to make.

**Q5. Do you wish to be notified of the Council's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 2012 whether to accept the Examiners' recommendation? (please tick)**