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Dear Ms John

**Blaenau-Gwent LDP – Consultation on Matters and Changes Arising During Examination Hearings**

Thank you for consulting The Coal Authority on the above.

Having reviewed your document, we have the following brief comments to make:

MAC/SO5 – This proposed change is supported as it addresses the unsoundness with regard to buffer zones around communities for mineral proposals.

MAC/C17 – This proposed change is supported with regard to prior extraction of minerals.

Should you require any assistance please contact a member of Planning and Local Authority Liaison at The Coal Authority on our direct line.

Yours sincerely

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