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Dear Mr Meredith

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 03 January 2024. We have searched through our records to locate the information you require.

I can confirm that we do not hold the information you have requested and I have responded to your questions below;

- 1. How will coal be extracted from under these properties?**
- 2. Will new properties have to be jacked up to remove coal?**
- 3. Will new properties have to be demolished and rebuilt?**

As set out in our FOI response 16-2021, dated 25 June 2021 and attached for reference, The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee for planning does not comment on hydrological matters or the extraction of coal for development.

These are matters discussed and agreed upon between the developer, Building Control, and the Local Planning Authority (LPA), which in this instance is Sheffield City Council. While we are the licensor with regard to the removal of coal from the ground, the methods employed form part of the planning permissions granted by the LPA.

Additionally, building inspectors will likely have considered the implications posed by the presence, or prior extraction, of coal on the development from the perspective of Building Regulations. We

would recommend that you direct your questions to the LPA and Building Control, which you can do by following the links below.

[Planning and development | Sheffield City Council](#)

[Working with Building Control | Sheffield City Council](#)

Once again thank you for your interest in the Coal Authority. If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request, details of your complaints rights appear at the end of this letter.

For further information about the Coal Authority, please visit our website:

www.gov.uk/coalauthority

If you have any further queries, please contact our Records Management team on 01623 637225 or email: recordsmanagement@coal.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Matthew Cheetham

Records Officer

Complaints rights

If you are not content with the way we have handled your request or our response, you have the right to appeal. This is known as an internal review, and is intended to be a fair and impartial means of reviewing your request.

This process is separate to the Coal Authority's complaints policy [Complaints procedure - Coal Authority - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

How do I appeal?

All appeals should be made in writing within 40 working days of your response and sent to recordsmanagement@coal.gov.uk or:

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When contacting us to appeal, please provide the unique identification number provided with your response and the reason for your appeal.

What if I'm still not satisfied following an internal review?

You can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted as follows:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Web: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints