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MATTERS ARISING REPONSE – VIA E-MAIL

From: Mr. David Brewer – Confederation of UK Coal Producers
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Subject: PROPOSED MATTERS ARISING CHANGES

Consultation on Matters and Changes Arising During Examination Hearings

Dear Ms John

The Confederation of UK Coal Producers (CoalPro) represents member companies who produce over 90% of UK coal output. CoalPro is pleased to be able to respond to this consultation and has the following comments.

MAC S05 - CoalPro supports this change as it addresses the unsoundness with regards to buffer zones without the qualification set out in MINTAN2.

MAC S29 - CoalPro supports this change on similar grounds.

MAC C17 - CoalPro supports this change as it deals both with prior extraction and the exceptions that may permit mineral extraction, including prior extraction, in buffer zones.

MAC C48 - Whilst this change clarifies the position regarding coal working and the Breacon Beacons National Park, the statement remains that coal working would not be acceptable within 500m from the settlement boundary. This needs changing to allow for the exceptions set out in national policy and to ensure consistency with MAC S05, MAC S29 and MAC C17.

Yours sincerely

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