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Coal Mining Assessment / Report

Coal Mining Assessment / Report – Residential development consisting of 9no' 4-bedroom dwellings with associated parking and landscaping: Land At , Schofield St, Heywood, Rochdale, OL10 1DH.

Heywood, located within the Lancashire Coalfield, has a rich history of coal mining dating back to the 16th century. The area around Schofield Street has been associated with various mining activities over the years.

Historical Context:

- **Early Mining Activities:** In 1580, John Blackwall was granted rights to mine coal in the Cheesden Valley, north of Heywood. By the 17th century, small communities known as "folds" operated their own mines, extracting coal from seams near the surface.

- **Local Collieries:** Heywood's growth was supported by numerous collieries, including:
 - **Hopwood Colliery (Nancy Pit):** Located near the current De La Salle College.
 - **Ashworth Colliery:** Encompassing pits like Ridd Pit, Wheel, Flash Lane, Crawstone Rake, Tramping Cat, and Engine Pit.
 - **Birtle Colliery:** Including sites such as Bassey Mine, Birtle Dene, Halfpenny Hole, Carr Pit, Cob House Lane, Lumb, Openshaw, Smethurst Hall, Thorneyhurst, Red Bank, and Castle Hill Quarry.
 - **Captain Fold:** Situated around Woodlands Road and Barley Hall Street.
 - **Bowling Green:** Located near Hardfield/Church Street.
 - **Wolstenholme:** Covering areas like Wolstenholme Fold, Four Lane Ends, and Baitings.
 - **Knowl Hill Area:** Featuring Lower Knowl Pit, East Knowl, Lower End Knowl, Knowl Hill, Bungs Pits, Red Lumb, Cheesden, Cheesden Bridge, Hind Clough, Greenbooth Pit, Meadow Head, and Bamford Closes.
 - **Hooley Clough, Lomax Wood, Barlows Coal Pits (Pilsworth), and Wind Hill Pit (Ashworth Road):** Other notable mining sites in the vicinity.

Specific to Schofield Street:

While there isn't explicit documentation of a colliery directly on Schofield Street, the proximity to known mining sites suggests potential historical mining activities in the area. For instance, the Captain Fold colliery was situated around Woodlands Road and Barley Hall Street, which are in the vicinity of Schofield Street.

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This report is based on, and limited to, the records held by the Coal Authority and the Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board's records, at the time we answer the search.

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Approximate position of property



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Summary

Has the search report highlighted evidence or potential of		
1	Past underground coal mining	Yes
2	Present underground coal mining	No
3	Future underground coal mining	Yes
4	Mine entries	Yes
5	Coal mining geology	No
6	Past opencast coal mining	No
7	Present opencast coal mining	No
8	Future opencast coal mining	No
9	Coal mining subsidence	No
10	Mine gas	No
11	Hazards related to coal mining	No
12	Withdrawal of support	No
13	Working facilities order	No
14	Payments to owners of former copyhold land	No
15	Information from the Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board	No

For detailed findings, please go to page 4.

Detailed findings

1. Past underground coal mining

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

However the property is in an area where the Coal Authority believe there is coal at or close to the surface. This coal may have been worked at some time in the past. The potential presence of coal workings at or close to the surface should be considered prior to any site works or future development activity. Your attention is drawn to the Comments on the Coal Authority information section of the report.

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 plans to grant a licence to remove coal using 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.

However, reserves of coal exist in the local area which could be worked at some time in the future.

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 known coal mine entries within, or within 20 metres of, the boundary of the property.

There may however be mine entries/additional mine entries in the local area which the Coal Authority has no knowledge of.

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, 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 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.

15. Information from the Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board

The property lies outside the Cheshire Brine Compensation District.

Comments on the Coal Authority information

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In view of the mining circumstances a prudent developer would seek appropriate technical advice before any works are undertaken.

Therefore if development proposals are being considered, technical advice relating to both the investigation of coal and former coal mines and their treatment should be obtained before beginning work on site. All proposals should apply good engineering practice developed for mining areas. No development should be undertaken that intersects, disturbs or interferes with any coal or mines of coal without the permission of the Coal Authority. Developers should be aware that the investigation of coal seams/former mines of coal may have the potential to generate and/or displace underground gases and these risks both under and adjacent to the development should be fully considered in developing any proposals. The need for effective measures to prevent gases entering into public properties either during investigation or after development also needs to be assessed and properly addressed. This is necessary due to the public safety implications of any development in these circumstances.

Additional remarks

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