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For the attention of: Malwina Idziak – Consents Officer

Strategic Infrastructure – National Grid

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Dear Malwina

Re: PAS00542 - Baglan Bay Power Station, Baglan Bay Substation, Neath Port Talbot, SY16 2DR

Thank you for your email, dated 11th September 2026, in respect of the above and your request that we confirm if we would wish to review a Coal Mining Risk Assessment.

The Coal Authority, trading as the Mining Remediation Authority, is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. As a statutory consultee, the Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

I have checked our records against the site you indicate and can confirm that the eastern end of the pipeline, adjacent to Mardon Park, falls within the Development High Risk Area. This area is defined high risk due to a recorded coal outcrop being present which may have been subject to unrecorded workings from the surface.

You confirm that the proposal is for installation of a pipeline to provide a new potable water connection to the operational compound. In your email you note that only limited excavation works are required within the High Risk Area and that the proposal does not involve deep foundations, substantial ground penetration, or the imposition of significant additional loads.

On the basis of the above, and in consideration of the nature of the development and the coal mining legacy recorded on site, we would not seek the submission of a Coal Mining Risk Assessment.

However, as you will be aware the Local Planning Authority can request the submission of any information that they consider necessary to inform the decision making process.

We would however like to draw attention to the attached Informative Note should any anomalous features, associated with coal mining, be encountered on site during the pipe installation works.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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