

Mared Jones

From: Bates, Rory <rbates@wardell-armstrong.com>
Sent: 23 May 2025 13:59
To: Clarke, Adam
Subject: FW: [External] FAO Chris MacArthur. Tata Steel, Port Talbot. (Ref P2024/0711) Coal Authority Comments

Rory Bates | Technical Director

Wardell Armstrong LLP

Sir Henry Doulton House, Forge Lane, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5BD

07725 603729 01782 276700



From: Bates, Rory
Sent: 10 March 2025 13:25
To: Chris MacArthur <Chris.MacArthur@MiningRemediation.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [External] FAO Chris MacArthur. Tata Steel, Port Talbot. (Ref P2024/0711) Coal Authority Comments

Hi Chris

Hope all is well with you.

You may be aware that Tata Steel's Electric Arc Furnace project obtained planning permission last week, which we're all thrilled about. The coal related Planning Conditions, as agreed between you and I (emails below), were accepted by Neath Port Talbot Council and hence have become part of the permission.

Now that the planning milestone has been reached, Tata and their planning consultant, Turley, are focussed on progressing the Conditions with a clear plan for construction.

In the background, Tata has already carried out a site investigation (both to consider contaminated land matters and deeper geotechnical / coal considerations) and I was wondering if we could arrange a telephone discussion so I can give you a quick update and to keep you posted on the project and the rationale.

Would that be OK with you?

Kind regards

Rory

Rory Bates | Technical Director

Wardell Armstrong LLP

Sir Henry Doulton House, Forge Lane, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5BD

07725 603729 01782 276700



From: Chris MacArthur <Chris.MacArthur@MiningRemediation.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 January 2025 10:00
To: Bates, Rory <rbates@wardell-armstrong.com>
Subject: RE: [External] FAO Chris MacArthur. Tata Steel, Port Talbot. (Ref P2024/0711) Coal Authority Comments

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organisation. Do not click links, scan QR codes or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning Rory and a Happy New Year to you too.

Thank you for your email, the content of which certainly reflects what we discussed and agreed during our telephone conversation. Having reviewed your proposed wording of the coal mining related condition, the Planning and Development Team at the Coal Authority can confirm its approval.

Very best regards

Chris

Chris MacArthur *B.Sc (HONS), DipURP, MRTPI*

Planning & Development Manager

Planning & Development Team

T: (01623) 637119 | **M:** 07789616164

W: gov.uk/miningremediationauthority



Mining Remediation Authority

Delivering for the communities we serve across England, Scotland, and Wales

Office address: 200 Lichfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG

From: Bates, Rory <rbates@wardell-armstrong.com>
Sent: 03 January 2025 12:58
To: The Coal Authority-Planning <planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk>
Subject: [External] FAO Chris MacArthur. Tata Steel, Port Talbot. (Ref P2024/0711) Coal Authority Comments

You don't often get email from rbates@wardell-armstrong.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

WARNING: This email originated outside of the Mining Remediation Authority. DO NOT CLICK any links or open any file attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe. Check the spelling of any email addresses carefully for anything unusual. If you are unsure please contact the ICT Service Desk for guidance.

Hi Chris

Happy New Year, hope you've enjoyed the break.

Thank you for the Coal Authority's comments regarding Tata Steel's planning application in Port Talbot, which is attached.

We subsequently discussed the matter on the phone and concurred that, due to the scale of the proposed development, it would be difficult to address all coal related matters prior to commencement. On that basis we have drafted some suggested Planning Conditions, which are presented below for comment. These are generally the same as those in the attached document but prefixed with “*No commencement of construction of the superstructure of proposed buildings shall commence until*”. This approach would still address the coal legacy but would provide flexibility in the development phasing.

In the background, Turley, who are the planning consultant, will also provide these suggested conditions to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council but, ahead of that, we would be grateful if you could confirm your approval?

FULL

No commencement of construction of the superstructure of proposed buildings shall commence until a scheme is proposed to mitigate the potential risk of coal mining subsidence. The scheme shall include:

1. The undertaking of an appropriate scheme of intrusive site investigations for any potential shallow coal workings;
2. Based on the results of the intrusive site investigation referred to in (1) the implementation of remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary

OUTLINE

No commencement of construction of the superstructure of proposed buildings shall commence until a scheme is proposed to mitigate the potential risk of coal mining subsidence. The scheme shall include:

1. The undertaking of an appropriate scheme of intrusive site investigations for the mine entries and any potential shallow coal workings;
2. The submission of a report of findings arising from the intrusive site investigations, including the results of any gas monitoring;
3. The submission of a layout plan which identifies suitable ‘no-build’ zones, for the mine entries.
4. Based on the results of the intrusive site investigation referred to in (2) the implementation of remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary.

Kind regards

Rory

Rory Bates | Technical Director

Wardell Armstrong LLP

Sir Henry Doulton House, Forge Lane, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5BD

07725 603729 01782 276700



Making a better future for people and the environment in mining areas. Like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).