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Dear Sirs

**Re: - New Horizons Learning Centre Richmond Road Mangotsfield BS16 9EZ**

Thank you for your enquiry which we received on 29/04/16

We have searched our records and report as follows:-

### **Past Mining Activity**

The property stands on coal seams of the Upper and Middle Coal Measures that have never been worked in this location. It is now highly unlikely that they will ever be worked in the foreseeable future.

The outcrop of the Stinking Vein lies 700 feet to the south and dips north towards and beneath the property. This seam of coal was rarely worked due to the Sulphurous nature of the coal; however it is believed it was worked along the crop to the south east of the property. Crop workings were essentially linear quarries from which the most easily accessible coal was extracted, down to a depth of about ten feet. Once exhausted these trenches would be backfilled and the land returned to agriculture.

If workings do exist in this seam they will be of limited extent and at a distance of 700 feet, cannot affect the property.

The nearest recorded worked coal of any significance is in the Mangotsfield Seams of the Upper Series, which outcrop and dip to the north, away from the property. Wallsend and Church Farm Collieries, amongst others, worked these seams until the turn of the century. At a distance of 400 feet their operations cannot affect the property.

## **Shafts and Adits**

None are known or are likely to exist inside the boundary of the property or within 100 feet. The nearest coaling shaft is located 450 feet to the north; from this distance it cannot affect the property.

There are a number of wells and pump shafts in the vicinity of the property, the closest being a well 100 feet to the north east. These were common features, used to draw commercial and domestic water before the provision of the mains supply. These shafts were usually no more than 3-4 feet in diameter and will be of no concern.

## **Water and Drainage Levels**

None are known in the vicinity of the property, nor would any be expected where no mining has been undertaken.

## **Surface Geology**

The property stands on a sandstone plateau over unworked coal seams of the Middle and Upper Measures.

## **Subsidence**

As there has been no coal mining any subsidence that is evident must be attributable to other factors.

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If we express an opinion as to whether any mine workings revealed by this report would affect the property, we do so, on the basis of a theoretical relationship between the depth of the workings and the size of the seam. Any risk of subsidence also diminishes with the age of the workings. However, recent experience makes it plain that if there are workings under or adjacent to the property, there may be some degree of risk.

Yours faithfully

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