# CON29M RESIDENTIAL INTERPRETIVE COAL MINING REPORT



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Within the scope of this assessment, the Site is not considered to be susceptible to coal miningrelated ground instability. Any identified coal mining features are considered unlikely to impact the value or security of the Site for normal lending purposes and there is no reason for them to impact upon the completion of this transaction.

It is important to be fully informed of all coal mining risks associated with a property before completing your purchase. Please read the recommendations on page 2 carefully.

Report on: Oak Court, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN4 XXT

Within Coal Authority Mining Reporting Area

CON29M Questions		Assessment*
1. Past underground coal mining	YES	PASSED
2. Present underground coal mining	NO	PASSED
3. Future underground coal mining	NO	PASSED
4. Shafts and adits (mine entries)	NO	PASSED
5. Coal mining geology	NO	PASSED
6. Past opencast coal mining	NO	PASSED
7. Present opencast coal mining	NO	PASSED
8. Future opencast coal mining	NO	PASSED
9. Coal mining subsidence claims	NO	PASSED
10. Mine gas emissions	NO	PASSED
11. Emergency surface hazard call out incidents	NO	PASSED

\*Assessment is the risk of subsidence or impact to the Site based on Terrafirma's interpretation of Official Coal Authority licensed data.

#### Official Coal Authority Licensed Data: V1\_61\_20180227 | 05.03.2018

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Please see below Terrafirma's professional opinion and recommendations with regards to the property. These may be copied into your Report on Title. No physical site inspection has been carried out. This official CON29M report highlights only the information which we have determined should be drawn to your attention however, other risks may be present. Relevant prudent enquiries for the purchaser are highlighted within the professional recommendations.

#### **Professional Opinion:**

Within the scope of this assessment, the Site is not considered to be susceptible to mining-related ground instability. No further information is required within the scope of a typical mortgage application. Below exist relevant interpreted conclusions based on the findings of this report.

Given the depth of coal mine workings within the influence of the Site, any movement in the ground should have stopped.

In some areas of the country, geological features such as breaklines and fissures can cause ground movement when located above deep underground coal mining. The Site has no records of any geological disturbances, however, unrecorded fissures, breaklines and/or faults may still occur and therefore future ground movement cannot be entirely discounted

Although no records exist of historical subsidence claims, it is possible that claims may be made in the vicinity of the Site in the future.

#### **Professional Recommendations:**

No further actions required.

#### Considering any future development of the Site:

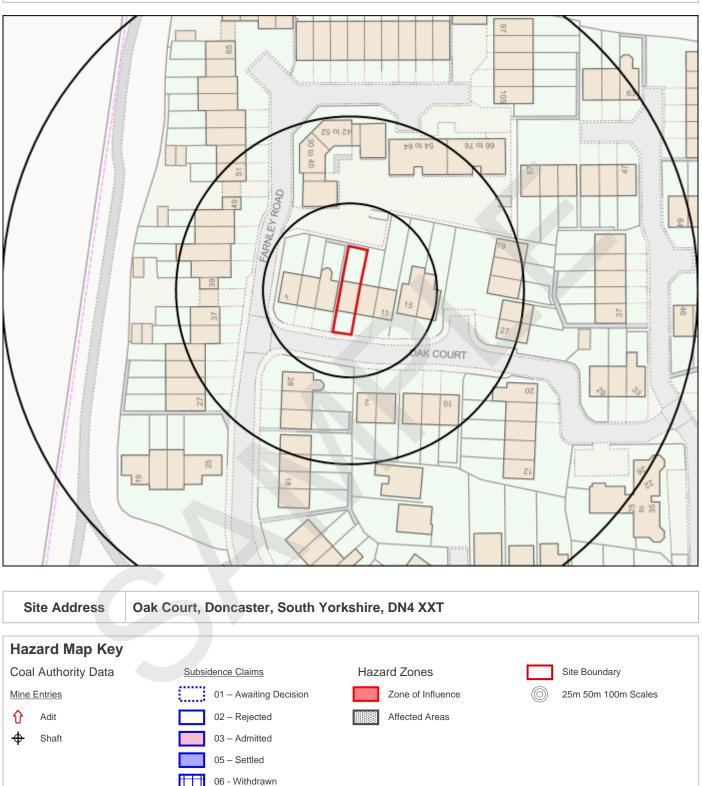
Within the scope of this assessment, the Site is not considered to be susceptible to ground movement, should the Site be developed.

Entirely unrecorded mineral workings may exist and therefore in the event any adverse features are discovered during site works, please contact Terrafirma directly to discuss the appropriate further steps.

Contact the report author by calling the Terrafirma team on: 0330 900 7500



## **Mining Hazard Map**



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## Detailed findings of coal mining activity:

## 1. Past underground coal mining

**Q.** Is the property within the zone of likely physical influence on the surface of past underground coal workings?

## Α.

The Site is recorded to be situated above deep underground coal mine workings. This is where coal has been mined at a depth of over 30 metres beneath the surface of the Site.

The Site is not within a surface area that could be affected by historical, known shallow underground mining.

The Site is not within a surface area that could be affected by historical unrecorded shallow underground mining.

## 2. Present underground coal mining

**Q.** Is the property within the zone of likely physical influence on the surface of present underground coal workings?

## Α.

The Site is not situated within an area which could be affected by currently active underground coal mining.

## 3. Future underground coal mining

**Q.** (a) Is the property within any geographical area for which the Coal Authority is determining whether to grant a licence to remove coal by underground methods?

(b) Is the property within any geographical area for which a licence to remove coal by underground methods has been granted?

(c) Is the property within the zone of likely physical influence on the surface of planned future underground coal workings?

(d) Has any notice of proposals relating to underground coal mining operations been given under section 46 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991?

## Α.

The Site is not situated within an area which could be affected by any future underground coal mining. The Site does not have a Section 46 Notice.

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## 4. Shafts and adits (mine entries)

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Q. Are there any shafts and adits or other entries to underground coal mine workings within the property or within 20 metres of the boundary of the property?

## Α.

There are no recorded mine entries within 20 metres of the Site.

## 5. Coal mining geology

Q. Is there any record of any fault or other line of weakness due to coal mining at the surface within the boundary of the property that has made the property unstable?

## Α.

Deep (over 30 metres) underground coal mine workings are recorded beneath the Site, however, there are no recorded faults, fissures or breaklines beneath the Site.

## 6. Past opencast coal mining

Q. Is the property situated within the geographical boundary of an opencast site from which coal has been removed in the past by opencast methods?

## Α.

The Site is not situated within an area of any past Licence Area for the opencast extraction of coal. There are no unlicensed opencast pits or extraction sites within 200 metres of the Site.

## 7. Present opencast coal mining

Q. Is the property within 200 metres of the boundary of an opencast site from which coal is being removed by opencast methods?

## Α.

The Site is not situated within 200 metres of an area which could be affected by currently active opencast coal mining.

## 8. Future opencast coal mining

Q. (a) Is the property within 800 metres of the boundary of an opencast site for which the Coal Authority are determining whether to grant a licence to remove coal by opencast methods?

(b) Is the property within 800 metres of the boundary of an opencast site for which a licence to remove coal by opencast methods has been granted?

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## Α.

There are no plans by the Coal Authority to grant a licence to extract coal using opencast methods within 800 metres surrounding the Site.

## 9. Coal mining subsidence claims

**Q.** (a) Has any damage notice or claim for alleged coal mining subsidence damage to the property been given, made or pursued since 1st January 1984?

(b) Does any current "Stop Notice" delaying the start of remedial works or repairs affect the property?

(c) Has any request been made under section 33 of the 1991 Act to execute preventive works before coal is worked?

## Α.

There is no record of any coal mining-related damage notices or subsidence claims for the Site or for any Site within 50 metres of the Site.

There is no record of a request that has been made to carry out preventive works before coal is worked under section 33 of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991.

## 10. Mine gas emissions

**Q.** Does the Coal Authority have record of any mine gas emission within the boundary of the property being reported that subsequently required action by the Authority to mitigate the effects of the mine gas emission?

## Α.

There are no records of any Mine Gas hazards within the boundaries of the Site and there is no record of any Mine Gas emissions requiring action.

## 11. Emergency surface hazard call out incidents

**Q.** Have the Coal Authority carried out any work on or within the boundaries of the property following a report of an alleged hazard related to coal mining under the Authority's Emergency Surface Hazard Call Out procedures?

## Α.

The Site has no records of any coal mining-related hazards.

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In scenarios where mining activity has been identified, a prudent developer would seek appropriate technical advice before any works are undertaken.

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In the unlikely event of any future damage, the terms of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991 (as amended by the Coal Industry Act 1994) apply\*, and the Coal Authority / Licensee has a duty to take remedial action in respect of subsidence caused by the withdrawal of support from land and/or property in connection with lawful coal-mining operations. Typically, these actions will not need to involve either your insurance company or mortgage lender and therefore the end user(s) should not incur any costs or liability. \*Note: this Act does not apply where coal was worked or gotten by virtue of the grant of a gale in the Forest of Dean, or any other part of the Hundred of St. Briavels in the county of Gloucester.

In addition to the above, it should also be noted that the Coal Authority offer a Public Safety and Subsidence Department that provides a 24-hour 7 day a week call out service (Tel: 01623 646 333) to take remedial action in respect of hazards associated with the movement or collapse of any coal mineshaft or entrances to coal mines and from other coal mining related surface hazards. Further information can be found on their website: www.groundstability.com.

## Contact Terrafirma

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- if the Property is not a single private home in the United Kingdom which is used only for residential purposes.
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