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Dear Mr. Williams,

RE: Pre-application advice enquiry reference no: Q200124.
Proposed remedial works at the abandoned Abbey Consols Mine, Dolebolion,
Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6BJ.

I refer to the above mentioned enquiry and to our meeting which took place on the 10th September, 2020.

The Local Planning Authority understands that urgent remedial works are required at the former Abbey Consols Mine near Pontrhydfendigaid, as it is currently a significant source of pollution to the River Teifi, discharging approximately two tonnes of harmful metals (primarily zinc) each year. The river subsequently fails European Water Framework Directive standards for ~14km downstream of the mine, with the two primary sources of pollution comprising of minewater discharge from the underground workings via the buried adit and also run-off from areas of exposed mine waste. Urgent remedial works are therefore required in order to reduce pollution (thereby improving water quality in the River Teifi) and also to improve the safety of land at the site.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) considers that the remedial works can be carried out under PDR, namely:

Part 2 Class B of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, which defines the following as permitted development: - *"The formation, laying out and construction of a means of access to a highway which is not a trunk road or a classified road, where that access is required in connection with development permitted by any Class in this Schedule (other than by Class A of this Part)."*

And;

Part 19 Class C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, which defines the following as permitted development: - *"The carrying out with the prior approval*

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of the mineral planning authority of development required for the maintenance or safety of a mine or a disused mine or for the purposes of ensuring the safety of the surface of the land at or adjacent to a mine or a disused mine”.

After careful consideration of the matter and after carrying out a Stage 1 TLSE and Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment as required under the Habitat Regulations, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion County Council, as the Mineral Planning Authority for the area, hereby gives its prior approval for the works to proceed, provided that the proposed mitigation measures described in the submitted documentation are implemented and adhered to throughout the works and that the environmental mitigation strategies are implemented as specified.

I trust that this letter is satisfactory, however should you have any further queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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