

# REGULATED COAL MINING SEARCH

# PASSED (With Advisory)

Overall Coal Mining Assessment	MODERATE RISK		
Within Coal Mining Reporting Area	YES		
Within Brine Compensation District	NO		

Coal Mining Features*		Assessment**
Past underground	YES	MODERATE RISK ■
Present underground	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Planned underground	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Mine shafts and adit entries	YES	MODERATE RISK
Geological conditions	NO	LOW RISK Z
Past opencast	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Present opencast	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK <b>■</b>
Planned opencast	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Coal subsidence claims	NO	LOW RISK
Mine gas	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Hazards	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Brine subsidence claims	NO	NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■
Additional non-coal hazards	1	NOT INCLUDED

<sup>\*</sup>Coal Mining Features are identified solely from The Coal Authority licensed data.

# **Professional Opinion**

Within the scope of this assessment, the Site is not considered to be at a significant risk of past, present or planned coal and Cheshire Brine extraction. Mining hazards are unlikely to have an adverse effect on the security of the Site for normal lending purposes. However, your attention is drawn to the prudent enquiries suggested in the report recommendations.

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

#### Report on:

Sample Address

#### Date:

24/10/2017

Our Ref:

Sample Reference

Client Ref:

**Sample Reference** 

TerraSearch® Coal is a 'Con29m-Compliant' and site-specific evaluation of coal mining hazards. The report comprehensively reviews available records, allowing us to expertly conclude the risk to the site from past, present and planned coal mining hazards, before providing practical next steps, based on the level of risk identified.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Assessment is the risk of subsidence or impact to the Site based on Terrafirma's interpretation of Coal Authority licensed data and third party data.



**Conclusions and Expert Interpretation of Risk** 

Considering the ongoing current use of the Site:

# **MODERATE RISK**

Considering the Sites ongoing use, Terrafirma have reviewed all available official licensed Coal Authority, geological and land use data and in this instance, consider the Site to be at a moderate risk of ground instability associated with coal mining activity.

Unrecorded shallow coal mine workings are likely in this area and where present, movement in any worked coal seams beneath the Site, may trigger the upward migration of voids and consequently cause ground instability at surface.

Any previous movement in the ground should already be present in pre-existing structural defects. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that, prior to purchase, an appropriate level RICS Building Survey is undertaken for the property in question.

A mine entry is known to exist over 10 metres but within 20 metres of the Site, however, records indicate that any subsidence or collapse associated with this mine entry is unlikely to affect the Site boundary.

Considering the Sites ongoing use, Terrafirma have reviewed all available licensed Coal Authority, geological and land use data and in this instance, consider the Site to be at a Moderate Risk of ground instability associated with coal mining activity.

Considering the future development of the Site:

# HIGH DEVELOPMENT RISK ZONE

The Site is located within a High Development Risk Zone. Due to the presence of recorded and/or unrecorded coal mining and features, any future development of the Site may trigger ground collapse and/or subsidence.

It should be noted that prior to site works or future development activity, it is likely that your local planning authority will require you to commission a full Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) or Site Investigation by a qualified mining geologist/engineer.

Terrafirma can undertake CMRA's if required and are partnered with a local geotechnical consultancy, who are specialists in the survey, investigation and stabilisation of coal mine workings throughout the UK and in the event, you require further professional support, please contact Terrafirma directly to discuss the appropriate further steps.

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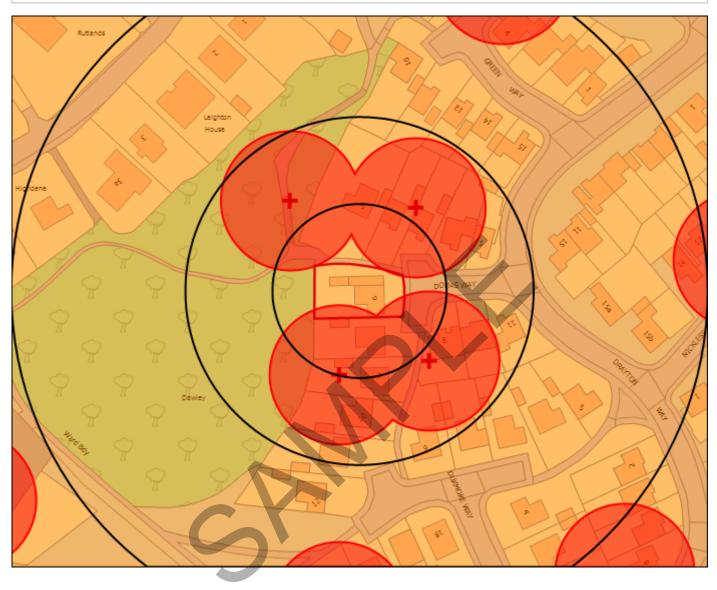
Terrafirma consider it prudent that an appropriate RICS Survey Level-Two HomeBuyer report (e.g. Survey & Valuation) is acquired for the property in question to assess, amongst other important considerations, the current condition of the property. This report will highlight any subsidence-related defects, which may relate to ground instability associated with shallow coal mining, while also noting any serious or dangerous issues that may require attention. This survey will also include advice on any defects, repairs or maintenance decisions. For further information about the suite of RICS HomeBuyer and Building Surveys, please visit https://www.ricsfirms.com/articles/which-rics-survey-is-best-for-your-needs/, or to find a local Building Surveyor, please visit https://www.ricsfirms.com/.

Should such an appropriate survey have already been **recently undertaken**, a further report may not be necessary. We would recommend that you look for the presence of condition rating 1 to satisfy the risk of ground instability to the property. Should the survey mention condition ratings 3 (& 2 where appropriate) in relation to subsidence or issues relating to ground instability, then we recommend that you seek further expert information or a further detailed (Level-Three) RICS Building Survey. Sections of notable relevance in relation to ground instability from mineral extraction are: E1, 2, 4, 8 & 9; F1-5; H1-3 and J1-4. Due to the presence of recorded and/ or unrecorded mineral extraction hazards, it is possible such identified defects are as a direct consequence and therefore, further information should be obtained.

Terrafirma can be contacted by emailing: info@terrafirmasearch.co.uk or by calling: 0330 900 7500 should No further assessment of Coal Mining and Cheshire Brine extraction required.



# **Mining Hazard Map**



Site Address	Sample Address			
Hazard Map Key				
Coal Authority Data	Subsidence Claims	Hazard Zones		Site Boundary
Mine Entries	01 – Awaiting Decision	High Risk		25m 50m 100m Scales
↑ Adit	02 – Rejected	Moderate Risk		
+ Shaft	05 – Settled			
	06 - Withdrawn			

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# **Detailed Findings of Coal Mining Hazards:**

Past underground MODERATE RISK

The Site is recorded to be situated within the influence of 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 suspected to be underlain by probable shallow coal mine workings. Coal may have been historically worked and therefore shallow unrecorded mine workings may exist beneath or within the vicinity of the Site. Please see the report conclusions for further information.

# Present underground

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

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

# Planned underground

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

The Site is not situated within an area which could be affected by any future underground coal mining. The site is not situated within 50 metres of a Section 46 Notice.

# Mine shafts and adit entries

MODERATE RISK

The Site is located over 10 metres from the below treated mine entries.

n/a n/a Shaft 22 YES Not Recorded 15 m n/a n/a Shaft 40 YES Not Recorded 16 m	Colliery Name	Entry Name	Type	Depth(m)	Treated	Treatment Date	Distance
	n/a	n/a	Shaft	22	YES	Not Recorded	15 m
01 (1 ) 1 (2 ) 1 (3 ) 2 (4 ) 2	n/a	n/a	Shaft	40	YES	Not Recorded	16 m
n/a n/a Shaft n/a YES Not Recorded 20 m	n/a	n/a	Shaft	n/a	YES	Not Recorded	20 m

# Geological conditions

LOW RISK

Deep (over 30 metres) underground coal mine workings are recorded beneath the Site, however, there are no recorded faults, fissures or breaklines that occur within 20 metres of the Site.

# Past opencast

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

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.

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# Present opencast

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

The Site is not situated within 800 metres of an area which could be affected by currently active opencast coal mining.

Planned opencast

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

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

Coal subsidence claims

LOW RISK

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, since 1994.

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.

Mine gas

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

There are no records of any Mine Gas hazards within 25 metres of the Site and there is no record of any Mine Gas emissions requiring action.

Hazards

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

The Site is not situated within 25 metres of a coal mining-related hazard. There have been no remedial works undertaken by or on behalf of the Coal Authority, under its Emergency Surface Hazard Call Out procedures.

## Brine subsidence claims

NEGLIGIBLE RISK ■

According to the Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board, there are no records of a subsidence claim having been made on the Site.



# **Notice of Statutory Cover**

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.

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.

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