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**Our ref:** RA/2017/136927/01-L01  
**Your ref:** NYM/2017/0399/NM  
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Dear Mr Hill

**APPLICATION FOR NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING APPROVAL  
NYM/2014/0676/MEIA TO ALLOW REPLACEMENT SUB-SURFACE GROUTING AND CAST  
CONCRETE WALL DESIGN WITH DIAPHRAGM WALLS TO A DEPTH OF 60 METRES TO  
PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM GROUNDWATER INGRESS WOODSMITH MINE  
(FORMALLY DOVE'S NEST FARM & HAXBY PLANTATION), SNEATONTHORPE**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. We have no objection to the above proposal, but would like to make the following comments in relation to the proposed hydrogeological assessment:

For the groundwater risk assessment, the EIA should present a summary of those original elements of the development that will be amended together with their respective ground risk assessment conclusions. The EIA should detail how the perceived risks to groundwater could change as a result of the amendments.

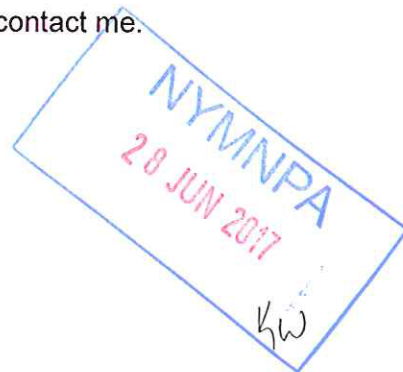
We agree with the approach that all stages of the development (construction, operational and decommissioning) should be covered within the EIA and that the longer term impacts to groundwater levels and spring flows will also be assessed as part of this (in line with sections 5.27 to 5.29 of the scoping report dated 15th May 2017).

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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