**Requesting approval for Coal Authority mining operation licences**

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your address:

**Consultation questions**

**Question 1**

Does the draft guidance in Annex 1 adequately describe the nature and scope of the information that would be required to support a request for the Welsh Ministers’ approval of a Coal Authority licence? In particular, does the draft guidance appropriately balance the flexibility to submit any relevant supporting evidence against the requirement to provide sufficient clarity about the issues the Welsh Ministers will take into consideration?

**Question 2**

What further guidance could the Welsh Government provide to explain the way in which the Welsh Ministers will consider section 26A requests?

**Question 3**

We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposed guidance on requesting approval for Coal Authority mining operation licences would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

**Question 4**

Please also explain how you believe the proposed guidance on requesting approval for Coal Authority mining operation licences could be formulated or changed so a to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

**Question 5**

We have asked a number of specific questions. Do you have any other concerns that you wish to bring to our attention, which are not captured by the above questions?

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