

Coal Mining Risk Assessments (CMRA) and Coal Mining Investigations

Often, if your development is located within a Coal Mining Reporting Area, it may be located in what is called a 'Development High Risk Area'; if this is the case, then a Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) may be required for your development by both the Local Authority and the National Coal Authority.

A Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) consists of a desk-based report based on up-to-date information obtained from the National Coal Authority (among other sources). There are three main stages to a CMRA, namely Stage 1: Obtain the relevant information from a number of sources and the Coal Authority; Stage 2: Using that information to identify what risk (if any) local coal mining legacies may affect your development; and Stage 3: Considering how the identified legacy will affect the development proposal and any subsequent mitigation required.

It may be possible that a full Coal Mining Investigation is required upon completion of the CMRA report. The CMRA may have identified known or probable shallow coal workings beneath site which may require investigation – to ascertain the presence (or not) and their depth, nature and extent.

Note: Any intrusive investigation which in any way intersects, enters or in any way disturbs coal mining seams, workings or entries will require prior written permission from the Coal Authority in the form of a permit. Information on this can be found at - www.coal.gov.uk/services/permissions/index.cfm

Castledine Environmental can provide both the initial CMRA and any (potentially) required subsequent intrusive coal mining investigations. We are competitively priced with pacy response, call-out times and report turn arounds.

Note: Upon instruction, the initial reporting will begin once the Coal Authority have provided any relevant information required and/or prior written permissions required.

