

Our Ref: JK/JB CM/N/795/COMM-3

18 July 2014

Sent to:
Parish Councils

Dear

HIGHTHORN SURFACE MINE UPDATE

I am writing to give you an update on our Highthorn surface mine proposal.

Our investigations at Highthorn are progressing well, as is the development of an outline site design. However, we have decided to move our expected time for the submission of a detailed planning application to spring next year so that we have sufficient time to gather everything together and fully consult with you and other members of the local community about our plans.

Over the last year, we have made a great deal of information available about what we might be looking to do at Highthorn and have been very pleased with the level of positive public engagement we have been able to achieve so far. We will continue to meet with local people, businesses and community groups in the coming months to explain our outline ideas and to explore further how it could enable us to deliver many tangible environmental, economic and social benefits for the local area.

We will ensure that all interested parties are informed as soon as a detailed design is available for discussion, so that further community consultation work can be undertaken, including community workshops which we hope to commence this autumn.

I look forward to discussing this further with your parish in the coming months and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

Jeannie Kielty
Development Relations Coordinator

DD: 0844 264 4582
M: 0783 480 0037
E: jeannie.kielty@banksgroup.co.uk

