

## **THE COAL AUTHORITY**

### **ESTATES OVERVIEW**

#### **The Estate**

The vast majority of the Authority's estate was transferred to it from the former British Coal Corporation by way of nine Coal Authority Restructuring Schemes (CARS) made by the Secretary of State under powers granted by the 1994 Act.

This transferred a varied portfolio of property. The Authority has subsequently undertaken its own disposal programme of this transferred land. The remainder is managed by the Estates Team.

#### **Land Acquisitions**

The Coal Authority is required to acquire land for the purposes of meeting its operational and statutory responsibilities. Its responsibilities and powers are specified in Section 5 (7) of the Coal Industry Act (1994) and have been extended by S.85 and S.86 of the Water Act 2003.

In the main these responsibilities and powers relate to the treatment of rising minewater and these guidelines are specifically aimed at the acquisition of an interest in land upon which to build treatment works.

#### **Compulsory Purchase**

The Authority has power to acquire land by compulsory purchase such powers being contained within the Water Act 2003. These powers now extend to England, Wales and Scotland.