

Thank you for your email seeking HSE's observations on application 230800.

HSE is a statutory consultee for certain developments within the consultation distance of major hazard sites and major accident hazard pipelines, and has provided planning authorities with access to the HSE Planning Advice Web App - <https://pa.hsl.gov.uk/> - for them to use to consult HSE and obtain HSE's advice.

Solar Farms are usually not a relevant development in relation to land-use planning in the vicinity of major hazard sites and major accident hazard pipelines.

This is because they do not, in themselves, involve the introduction of people into the area. HSE's land use planning advice is mainly concerned with the potential risks posed by major hazard sites and major accident hazard pipelines to the population at a new development.

However, if the proposed development is located within a safeguarding zone for a HSE licensed explosives site then please contact HSE's Explosives Inspectorate. Their contact email is Explosives.planning@hse.gov.uk.

The HSE Land Use Planning Web App can be used to find out if a site is within an explosives site zone (as well as in zones for major hazard sites and major accident hazard pipelines). If you require access to the HSE Web App then please contact the Land Use Planning Team (lupenquiries@hse.gov.uk)

If the development is over a major accident hazard pipeline or in the easement around a major accident hazard pipeline, please consult the pipeline operator.

If the development involves a new substation or the storage of electrical energy such as in a large battery storage unit and the development is proposed adjacent to a COMAH (Control of Major Accident Hazards) establishment then please consult the operator of the COMAH establishment.

If the development involves a substation or the storage of electrical energy such as in a large battery storage unit and is proposed in the vicinity of a nuclear site the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) does wish to be consulted over such proposals. They can be contacted on ONR-Land.Use-Planning@onr.gov.uk

There are no details of this application on your web portal, therefore, if the proposed development is different to the reply above, e.g. would be a workplace, or would lead to a material increase in the number of people within a HSE consultation distance, I would be grateful if you would ensure that the HSE Planning Advice Web App is used to consult HSE.

If you have any further questions please contact us.

Regards

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