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Halton Borough Council

Planning & Risk

Draft Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Consultation

Presented for stakeholder public consultation between 15th August 2008 and
26th September 2008

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 it is a requirement to prepare and publish a Consultation Statement for a range of planning policy documents, including Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). This is a reflection of Government's desire to "strengthen community and stakeholder involvement in the development of local communities".
- 1.2 This Consultation Statement is being made available during the formal period of public consultation, alongside the draft SPD and the Sustainability Appraisal Report, in accordance with Regulation 17 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

2 Stakeholder Consultation

SA Scoping Report consultation

- 2.1 The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Planning for Risk SPD, incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement, was made available for consultation from Thursday 21st June to Thursday 26th July 2007.
- 2.2 Halton Borough Council in consultation with the statutory environmental consultation bodies (the Countryside Agency, English Heritage, English Nature and the Environment Agency) determined that the Planning for Risk SPD was not likely to have significant environmental effects and, accordingly, an environmental assessment was not required as part of the Sustainability Appraisal process.

Stakeholder consultation

- 2.3 The stakeholder public consultation took place between 15th August 2008 and 26th September 2008. By the nature of the subject matter set out in this SPD it was considered desirable and appropriate to consult widely with organisations who might possibly have an interest in an unusual and relatively specialised subject for a Supplementary Planning Document. A wide range of organisations, ranging from Registered Social Landlords to Parish Councils and adjacent Local Authorities, were consulted. In addition bodies such as the Health & Safety Executive and the Environment Agency were also consulted as were all the current operators of hazardous installations and Liverpool Airport (Peel Holdings). A summary list of consultees follows the list of consultation responses received at the end of this report.
- 2.4 Covering letters with the SPD were sent out by post or electronically on 6th August 2008 giving a background explanation as to the significance of the document and special letters were sent to the HSE, Vale Royal

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Council and to National Grid Gas. Replies were received between 26th August 2008 and 26th September 2008.

2.5 Comments received and the resulting responses are contained in the following table.

Consultee	Date & Method of response	Comments	Response
National Grid Gas (NGG)	26 Aug e-mail	All references to Transco should be deleted and replaced by NGG	Amendments made
Health & Safety Executive	27 Aug letter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would prefer Halton to refer to "hazardous installations" rather than "COMAH sites". 2. Recommended a definitive policy to remove inactive sites with hazardous substances consents 3. Reference to para 19 of Appendix B and request to remove reference to being "killed by an asteroid" 4. Reference to para 24 of Appendix B and "demolition of streets of houses" is not HSE policy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant amendments made 2. new policy included. 3. replace phrase with "are so low as to be wholly insignificant" 4. There is no implication that this is HSE policy. Impact of reference is, however, reduced by a simpler reference to demolition of houses rather than streets.
Sabic UK Petrochemicals	29 Aug letter	Ref on page 34 to Huntsman should be amended to Sabic UK Petrochemicals	Amendment made to list and to map
GO-NW	25 Sept letter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sections 4 & 5 should be reformulated to concentrate on looking at where the SPD can add value to what is in the UDP by providing further detail and clarification. 2. Paras 2.12/ 2.13 can be updated to simply refer to the new RSS. 3. Para 6.2 makes reference to the SA report being consulted on at a later stage – must be at the same time as the draft SPD. 4. Para 6.6 suggests 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The refinements and additions to the established UDP policies is the best method of providing further detail and clarification. 2. The paragraphs have been updated. 3. SA will be consulted on at same time as SPD. 4. Indicator added.

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		another indicator could be “% of planning permissions granted within HSE consultation zones contrary to HSE advice”	
Halton & St Helens Primary Care Trust	25 Sept letter	No comments to make	Noted
Halton Council Emergency Planning	25 Sept e-mail	<p>1. Various comments made relating to accuracy of information in relation to Bayer Site, Shepherd Widnes Ltd, Tessenderlo, Ineos Enterprises, APPH Ltd Runcorn, Linde Gas, Inyx PHarma, TDG and Sabic UK Petrochemicals.</p> <p>2. Comment also made in relation to restricted nature of emergency planning zone maps.</p>	<p>1. Jan Archer and Council Planning staff met HSE in Bootle on 6th November 2008 and clarified all site specific matters raised. Appropriate amendments have been made to the draft SPD document.</p> <p>2. Emergency Planning Zone maps differ from HSE Planning Consultation zone maps in that the latter are fully in the public domain.</p>
Peel Holdings	26 Sept letter	<p>1. No specific comments from Peel Holdings (Land & Property).</p> <p>2. Peel Airports Group generally support Airport PSZ policy. The Airport Master Plan to 2030 includes a proposal to extend the runway into Halton which would extend the PSZ further. There are no plans to submit a planning application.</p>	<p>1. Noted.</p> <p>2. Because Peel Airports Group have no proposals to submit any planning application for a runway extension in Halton any future possible application would be dealt with in the normal way including taking account of this SPD’s policies</p>
United Utilities	26 Sept letter	The photo of Norton Water Tower raises confusion as to its relationship to COMAH matters	Water Tower was shown as an example of a building within a pipeline consultation zone. Photo removed to avoid

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			any confusion
4NW	26 Sept e-mail letter	Draws attention to current RSS position (now approved) in particular policy RT5 (Airports). This requires support for John Lennon Airport and its expansion requirements subject to its effects and the extent they can be mitigated	Policies 4.8, 5.5, and 5.5 in the SPD provide a proper and balanced detailed interpretation of the balance to be struck by RSS policy RT5 in respect of off site accidental risks from the airport.
Environment Agency	26 Sept – by letter	Support SPD purpose	Noted

2.6 A summary list of all those consulted is given below:

Government Office North West	North West Regional Assembly	Cheshire County Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Liverpool City Council	St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Vale Royal Borough Council	Warrington Borough Council	Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council
Highways Agency	Natural England (North West Region) Regional Advocacy and Partnerships Team, Planning & Advocacy	Environment Agency
English Heritage North West Region	Network Rail	North West Development Agency
Mercury Personal Communications	T-Mobile Ltd	Orange PCS Ltd
Airwave MMO2 Ltd	O2 UK Ltd	3 UK Ltd
National Grid Transco	United Utilities Properties Solutions	United Utilities
Daresbury Parish Council	Hale Parish Council	Preston Brook Parish Council
Moore Parish Council	Sandymoor Parish Council	Halebank Parish Council
Mobile Operators Association	Aston Parish Council	Dutton Parish Council
Frodsham Town Council	Halton & St Helens Primary Care Trust	English Partnerships

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Anchor Housing Trust	Arena Housing Association	Carr Gomm
CDS (Liverpool) Ltd	Cosmopolitan Housing Association	English Churches
Guinness Trust	Halton Housing Trust	Housing 21
Liverpool Housing Trust	North British Housing Association	Riverside Housing Association
William Sutton Trust	Health & Safety Executive	PEEL Holdings
DNV Consulting	HSE	Risk Management
HBC Legal	Innospec	Bayer Crop Science
Transco plc	Univar	GE Water & Process Technologies
Inyx Pharma Ltd	Ineos Chlor	Linde Gas Ltd
Ineos Vinyls	Ineos Fluor Ltd	Syntor Fine Chemicals
Webbs & Halton bottled gas	Manchester Ship Canal Company	Liverpool Airport
Pentagon Fine Chemicals	TDG European Chemicals Ltd	Transco's High Pressure gas network
Sabic UK Petrochemicals	Shell's Grangemouth to Stanlow ethylene pipeline	The Stobart Group
St Modwen Properties PLC	Thermphos Uk Ltd	