

**Subject:** FW: Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan: Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

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**To:** Planning Policy South <Planning.Policy@southoxon.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan: Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

Good afternoon

Thank you for the below email dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Please note that ONR's land use planning processes published at <http://www.onr.org.uk/land-use-planning.htm> may apply to some of the developments within the South Oxfordshire Local Plan. In order for ONR to have no objections to such developments we will require:

- confirmation from relevant Council emergency planners that developments can be accommodated within any emergency plan required under the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019; and
- that the developments do not pose an external hazard to the site.

Also please see the attached email which includes details of a letter sent to all local authority planning departments regarding forthcoming changes ONR is to make to our consultation zones.

Kind regards

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Changes to ONR Land Use Planning consultation zones**

ONR has a non-statutory role when considering the impact of proposed developments on local detailed emergency planning arrangements for GB nuclear sites, and the potential for developments to pose external hazards to sites.

We therefore request local planning authorities to notify us of any application for planning permission within our consultation zones that meets our consultation criteria.

We currently request consultation for:

- All proposed developments on GB nuclear sites;
- Proposed developments that meet our consultation criteria within Detailed Emergency Planning Zones (DEPZ) around GB nuclear sites that are determined in accordance with the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019; and
- Proposed developments that meet our consultation criteria within Outer Consultation Zones (OCZ) within which ONR deems development could impact on the operability and viability of the detailed emergency planning arrangements or pose external hazards to sites. OCZ are areas which extend beyond the DEPZ out to a distance from the centre point of the site, where this distance is determined by the nature of the site. For sites without a DEPZ, the OCZ extends outward from the site perimeter fence.

In order to ensure consistency between sites and improve clarity about the developments ONR request to be consulted upon we are planning to make the following changes to our consultation zones:

- Introduce OCZ around all GB nuclear sites (as not all sites currently have an OCZ) as follows:

Site Type	OCZ
Operating reactor sites	8km
Reactor sites that are not operational but are not de-fuelled	8km
Reactor sites that are de-fuelled (adjacent site included in a National Policy Statement)	8km
Reactor sites that are de-fuelled (adjacent site not included in a National Policy Statement)	3km
Sellafield	10km
Dounreay	8km
AWE Aldermaston & AWE Burghfield	5km
Other nuclear sites (licensed, authorised defence and nuclear warship)	3km



- Introduce a 30km consultation zone around all GB nuclear sites for certain types of significant development<sup>1</sup> due to the potential for such developments to pose external hazards to sites.

ONR's current Land Use Planning policy, procedure and consultation criteria are published online at [www.onr.org.uk/land-use-planning.htm](http://www.onr.org.uk/land-use-planning.htm) and will be revised prior to the changes being implemented.

Should you have any queries with regard to these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will write to you again to inform you when the changes are to be implemented.

Yours faithfully



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<sup>1</sup> Significant developments are airports or other launch facilities, hydraulic fracturing (fracking) sites and major hazard facilities, i.e. those included within the scope of the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations 2015, the Offshore Installations Regulations 2015, the Offshore Installations (Safety Case) Regulations 2005, or the Pipelines Safety Regulations 1996.