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Statement: Safety Zones for Hazardous Installations Policy NR8

Q2. Does the proposed revised zoning make adequate provision for possible use of land in the locality as allotments?

The principal purpose of Policy NR8 is to ensure that people are not exposed to unnecessarily high levels of risk that might be posed by the proximity of development proposals to hazardous installations: the purpose of the policy is not, therefore, to make provision for specific types of land use as this is not its purpose. The purpose of the proposed revision to this policy is to define the extent of land surrounding the development that may be subject to some form of risk and to ensure that this information and assessment is used to inform future planning decisions as a way of mitigating people's exposure to any such risk.

The approach adopted, as set out in the Atkins Report, is one that has been developed by the UK Health and Safety Executive and which has been used to define the extent of the risk zones around the Jersey Airport Fuel Farm.

As stated in the pre-amble to the policy (para 9.65), it is the Minister's intention to use the latest Planning Advice for Development near Hazardous Installations (PADHI), September 2009 (or any subsequent versions) to assess the extent of risk that might be posed by different forms of development in each of these zones: this will become a material consideration in the assessment of any subsequent planning applications.

An assessment would thus need to be made, through the process of the determination of a planning application, to assess the type of use and level of risk posed by allotment use for this matter to be properly considered and determined. The policy itself does not preclude or make explicit provision for such a use: it simply provides a framework against which any such proposal might be tested.