



Supplementary planning guidance document: policy note

# Safety Zones for Hazardous Installations

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## About Supplementary Planning Guidance:

The Department may publish guidelines and policies (supplementary planning guidance) in respect of; development generally; any class of development; the development of any area of land; or the development of a specified site.

Supplementary planning guidance may cover a range of issues, both thematic and site specific, and provides further detail about either, policies and proposals in the Island Plan, or other issues relevant to the planning process. It can also be used to provide information about how the planning system operates.

Where relevant, supplementary planning guidance will be taken into account, as a material consideration, in making decisions.

- Supplementary planning guidance is issued in a number of different forms including:
- **Advice notes**, which offer more detailed information and guidance about the ways in which Island Plan policies are likely to be operated, interpreted and applied in decision making;
- **Policy notes**, which can be issued by the Minister, following consultation with key stakeholders, in-between reviews of the Island Plan, to supplement and complement the existing planning policy framework;
- **Masterplans, development frameworks and planning briefs** provide more detailed information and guidance about the development of specific sites and areas of the Island; and
- **Practice notes**, which aim to provide information about how the planning system's protocols and procedures operate.

The current supplementary planning guidance is listed and can be viewed on the States of Jersey website at [www.gov.je/planningguidance](http://www.gov.je/planningguidance).

Hard copies of all supplementary planning guidance can be obtained from Planning and Building Services, Department of the Environment, South Hill, St Helier, JE2 4US, telephone: 01534 445 508 email: [planning@gov.je](mailto:planning@gov.je)

## Status of this guidance

This Policy Note has been adopted by the Minister for Environment (August 2017) to supplement Revised 2011 Island Plan Policy NR8 Safety Zones for Hazardous Installations.

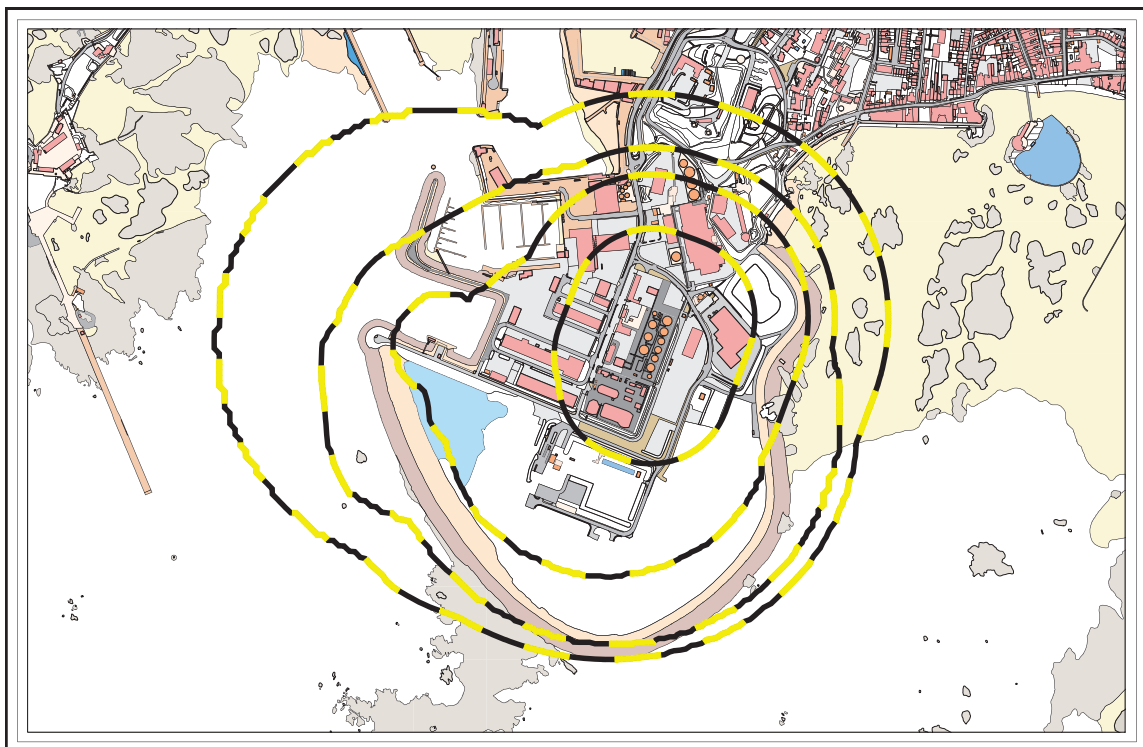
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## Considerations for new development in proximity to a hazardous installation:

The Revised 2011 Island Plan identifies a number of safety zones across the Island, representing boundaries wherein any new development proposal must take into account their proximity to a hazardous installation.

Primarily, these zones exist to ensure adequate consideration is given to the safety of the public and occupiers of land near to a hazardous installation. Any new major development or development that will result in higher numbers of people gathering within the Safety Zones will need to be subject to a land use planning assessment, in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines published by the Health and Safety Executive's PADHI Land Use Planning Methodology (Available at [www.hse.gov](http://www.hse.gov)).

Under Proposal 30 of the Revised 2011 Island Plan, the Minister for Environment is committed to review the Safety Zones for Hazardous Installations, as appropriate, during the plan period. In light of this commitment and since the adoption of the 2011 Island Plan, more recent information in relation to the safety zones around the La Collette industrial site has been made available<sup>(1)</sup>. As a result, this information is material to the consideration of any new planning application within the areas highlighted. The below map sets out revised hazard zones at La Collette, which will now be considered alongside Policy NR8 Safety Zones for Hazardous Installations of the Revised 2011 Island Plan:



1 Atkins Assessment of Major Hazard Risks at la Collette including consideration of the Waste Park Area, Transport and Technical Services (November 2013)

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In addition to this, it is recognised that the Gas Holder on Tunnell Street has been decommissioned and is no longer considered a hazardous installation, for the purposes and intent of Policy NR8.

In all cases, in advance of making a new planning application within any of the safety zones, it is recommended that pre-application advice is sought from the Department for the Environment, who will liaise with the Health and Safety at Work Inspectorate and the Jersey Fire and Rescue Service. This will help to ensure that the requirements for the planning assessment can be met, as in some cases, it may be necessary for the applicant to provide further details and risk assessments prior to a decision being made. This additional information will help to ensure that the planning decision is appropriate and proportionate to the scale and impact of the proposal, and that the impact upon the safety of the area remains within acceptable limits.

Depending on the nature of the proposed development and its proximity to the hazard [if the risks are considered too high], additional measures may be required or the application may be refused.

All development proposals will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and the Health and Safety at Work Inspectorate and Jersey Fire and Rescue Service will advise the Department for the Environment as part of the statutory consultation process.

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