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Sent: 07 April 2021 19:26

To: Darren Cummings [REDACTED] Joanne Langrish-Merritt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: ONR Land Use Planning [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Joanne,

Thank you for your email.

In this instance, the examiner has misinterpreted ONR's Land Use Planning's response: we have not made a determination. To clarify, our response only provided guidance on our land use planning policy and explained the requirements any development in-scope of our policy must meet in order for ONR to not advise against it at the planning application stage. ONR is only able to formally respond with "do not advise against" or "advise against" when it is consulted on a **planning application** for a specific, in-scope development.

From the e-mail chain below, I understand that your colleagues have considered our requirements and have satisfied themselves that they are met. If this is insufficient and the examiner requires ONR's view, then we would be willing to indicate what our view would be on planning applications made for in-scope developments in the neighbourhood plan, but we would need you to identify any in-scope developments and submit the details of these separately. I can advise on how to do this, if this is your preference. However, it is perhaps useful for screening purposes to consider that ONR's extant Winfrith "outer consultation zone" is a circle of 3 km radius centred on British National Grid reference [SY818868](#): if there are no developments in the neighbourhood plan located partially or entirely in the outer consultation zone, then there are no in-scope developments and ONR would not comment on any planning application made.

It is worth noting that ONR will imminently be writing to Local Authorities to inform them of planned updates to our Land Use Planning policy. These updates will include the introduction of an additional 12 km consultation zone (again centred on British National Grid reference SY818868 for Winfrith) for major hazard facilities only. Major hazard facilities are military installations storing munitions and also facilities 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 that could pose an external hazard to the site. If there are no such facilities proposed in your neighbourhood plan, then this will not affect you when the updated policy comes into effect.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,

Eamonn

Eamonn Guilfoyle
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From: Darren Cummings [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 April 2021 10:57
To: Joanne Langrish-Merritt [REDACTED] Eamonn Guilfoyle
[REDACTED]
Cc: ONR Land Use Planning [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Morning Joanne,

Many thanks for your email below. I have forwarded this question to my colleague Eamonn (Eamonn leads the EP&R - Land Use Planning work stream in ONR).

Hi Eamonn – may I ask you to provide a response to Joanne?

Many thanks,

Darren

Kind regards,

Darren Cummings
Principal Inspector - Nuclear Safety – Radiological Protection

[REDACTED]

From: Joanne Langrish-Merritt [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 April 2021 10:52
To: Darren Cummings [REDACTED] ONR Land Use Planning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Dear Darren,

As you are probably aware the Wareham Neighbourhood plan is currently going through examination. Following on from the email chain below the Examiner has asked us to confirm that

“The examiner has interpreted the response from ONR (WA04) as meaning that they had no objections to the WNP. Similarly he understands the e-mail response dated 25.03.2021 from Ovi Rominger to Darren Cummings as meaning that the location of the AEE Winfrith site has no consequences that should be addressed in the WNP.”



Please could you confirm that the ONR would agree with this? I will then pass any subsequent comments on to the Examiner.

Kind regards,



Joanne Langrish-Merritt
Senior Planning Officer
Spatial & Community Policy Service
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From: Ovidiu Rominger 
Sent: 01 April 2021 13:54
To: Joanne Langrish-Merritt 
Subject: FW: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Hello Jo,

I am afraid I cannot speak on behalf of ONR. May I suggest you approach  and Vicki Enston  directly.



Quoting previous correspondence as referenced in the email chain below may help.

Best wishes,

Ovidiu Rominger
Emergency Mgt & Resilience Officer
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From: Joanne Langrish-Merritt 
Sent: 01 April 2021 12:53
To: Ovidiu Rominger 
Subject: RE: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Hi Ovi

Following on from your emails the examiner for the Wareham NP has asked me to confirm that:

The ONR had no objections to the WNP and that the location of the AEE Winfrith site has no consequences that should be addressed in the WNP.

Are you happy for me to confirm both of those things?

Thanks

Jo

From: Ovidiu Rominger [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 11:46
To: Darren Cummings [REDACTED]
Cc: ONR Land Use Planning [REDACTED] Eamonn Guilfoyle [REDACTED] Joanne Langrish-Merritt [REDACTED] Marc Eyre [REDACTED] Jessica Rice [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Hello Darren,

Thank you for your help in clarifying our question re: Winfrith AEE and the Wareham Neighbourhood plan. Our understanding is that as the AEE Winfrith site:

- a. is not a REPPIR '19 site and therefore Dorset Council (Emergency Planning) does not have an off-site plan developed, and
- b. the proposed developments in the [Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - Dorset Council](#) , do not represent an external hazard to the (almost fully decommissioned) Winfrith AEE site in as far as EP is concerned,

the external hazard requirement should be met automatically. Should ONR LUP colleagues have further questions/observations please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] or our Dorset Council planning colleagues.

I would also like to stress that Magnox Ltd. have also been fully consulted on the matter, and offered the opportunity to comment.

I have copied our community planning colleagues in this response.

With many thanks,

Ovi Rominger
Emergency Mgt & Resilience Officer
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From: Darren Cummings [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 March 2021 08:30
To: Ovidiu Rominger [REDACTED]

Cc: ONR Land Use Planning [REDACTED] Eamonn Guilfoyle
[REDACTED]

Subject: 20210324 - DCC query Wareham Neighbourhood Plan - O

Hi Ovi,

Post our recent conversation, I have been able to speak with my Land Use Planning (LUP) colleagues (Eamonn Guilfoyle) to seek their advice. I have attached Eamonn's email, but have copied the main body of text below.

I hope the response below (& attached) provides the necessary advice & support you require – if I (and/or Eamonn) can support further, please do not hesitate to call / email. I have copied in Eamonn and the LUP email account for any further LUP related queries you may have.

ONR requests consultation from local planning authorities on local development and neighbourhood plans that include developments located within our consultation zones that meet our consultation criteria. This enables ONR to ensure that the local authority understands what ONR requires of any such development in order for ONR to not advise against it at the planning application stage. Our consultation zones and consultation criteria are described on our land use planning policy (<http://www.onr.org.uk/land-use-planning.htm>).

If a development is located in one of our consultation zones and meets our consultation criteria, then ONR will not advise against the development if, in the inspector's opinion, the following requirements are met:

- the relevant local authority emergency planners have provided adequate assurance that the proposed development can be accommodated within their existing off-site emergency planning arrangements (or an amended version) made under the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019; and
- the development does not represent an external hazard to a nuclear site or the planning function for the site that may be affected by the development has demonstrated that it would not constitute a significant hazard with regard to safety on their site.

You report that Dorset County Council has engaged with AEE Winfrith on the council's Wareham Neighbourhood plan. The local authority should consider whether this is necessary in this case:

- If these exists any off-site emergency plan made under REPP19, then the local authority's emergency planners will be the owners of it and should be in a position to determine whether any development can be accommodated within the plan; and
- The types of developments with the potential to pose an external hazard to a nuclear site are described in the third row of the table found in Part 2 of our land use planning policy (<http://www.onr.org.uk/land-use-planning.htm>), and if no type of development capable of posing an external hazard to site are proposed within ONR's consultation zone, then the external hazard requirement will be met automatically.

Take care, speak soon.

Kind regards,

Darren Cummings
Nuclear Safety Inspector – Radiation Protection

[Redacted]

From: Ovidiu Rominger [Redacted]
Sent: 12 March 2021 14:19
To: Darren Cummings [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Wareham Neighbourhood Plan

Hello Darren,

As per our recent conversation, the ONR email re: Wareham NP consultation because of its proximity to Winfrith AEE ([ONR - Sites that we regulate: Winfrith](#)) was initially sent by Vicki Enston, as below. Dorset Council emergency planning have passed the consultation request onto Magnox Ltd. as we have little knowledge of the latest status of the site or its impact, but have received to date no comment, or updates. (Details of my emails to Magnox are available).

Many thanks for your help and speak soon,

Ovi Rominger
Emergency Mgt & Resilience Officer
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From: Joanne Langrish-Merritt [Redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2021 16:52
To: Ovidiu Rominger [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Wareham Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Ovidiu,

Dorset Council has recently started the Regulation 16 consultation for the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan. In response to that consultation we have received the email below from the Office for Nuclear Regulation. Please can you advise us whether or not the developments can be accommodated within any emergency plan or if they pose hazards to the site.

The email from the ONR is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

Jo Langrish-Merritt

Senior Planning Policy Officer
Community Planning

From: Planning Policy
Sent: 11 January 2021 12:29
To: Joanne Langrish-Merritt [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Wareham Neighbourhood Plan (d)

FYI, I had a similar response relating to Weymouth NP. So can provide the contacts you will need. Nick

From: Vicki Enston [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** ONR Land Use Planning
Sent: 06 January 2021 17:28
To: Planning Policy
Subject: RE: Wareham Neighbourhood Plan (d)

Good afternoon

Thank you for the below email dated 18th December 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 Wareham Neighbourhood Plan.

If you are a Local Authority with areas that are within an ONR consultation zone please be aware that 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

Vicki

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From: Planning Policy <planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 December 2020 16:23

Subject: Wareham Neighbourhood Plan (d)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to let you know that a final version of the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Dorset Council for examination.

The Wareham Neighbourhood Plan was originally submitted to Purbeck District Council (now Dorset Council) in October 2018. The plan was withdrawn due to issues raised at the examination.

The Wareham Neighbourhood Plan has since been amended and this consultation relates to the new Wareham Neighbourhood Plan.

Dorset Council, as the local planning authority, is required to carry out a consultation on the submitted plan. The consultation is due to commence on **Friday 18th December 2020** until **Friday 12 February 2021**. This will give individuals the opportunity to comment on the content of the plan or how it was produced.

The plan and supporting documents will be available online via the following link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/wareham-neighbourhood-plan> and on the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan Website: <https://www.warehamplan.co.uk/>

Kind regards

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