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HSE Ref.: 4.2.1.5288  
Your Ref.: 170021/DPP

For the attention of Garfield Prentice

Dear Mr Prentice

**Land Use Planning Consultation with Health and Safety Executive  
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland)  
Regulations 2013**

**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations  
2011**

**Proposal: Proposed Community and Sports Facilities, Football Academy  
(comprising outdoor pitches, pavilion, ancillary buildings),  
Stadium (20,000 capacity), ancillary uses, formation of access  
roads, parking and associated landscaping and engineering works**

**Site: Land at West Kingsford (north of the A944 road), Skene Road,  
Aberdeen**

1. Thank you for the email of 16 January 2017, seeking HSE's comments on planning application 170021/DPP.

2. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is a statutory consultee for certain developments within the consultation distance of major hazard sites and major accident hazard pipelines. The proposed development site lies within the HSE consultation distance of the following two major accident hazard pipelines, with the current associated HSE consultation zone distances:

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- (a) BP Forties Cruden Bay Terminal/Kinneil Terminal pipeline (to the West of the development)  
Inner zone = 110 metres  
Middle zone = 380 metres  
Outer zone = 435 metres
  
- (b) Shell Expro St Fergus to Mossmorran NGL Pipeline (to the East of the development)  
Inner zone = 100 metres  
Middle zone = 280 metres  
Outer zone = 315 metres

3. The Design and Access Statement submitted with the planning application shows the consultation zones for the two pipelines and the proposed site layout plan (page 16). However, the consultation zones which are shown in those images for the Shell Expro St Fergus to Mossmorran NGL pipeline do not relate to the current zones listed above, but to the previous zones which applied to that pipeline. HSE has recently completed the reassessment of the risks from that pipeline, as part of an ongoing programme of reviewing all major accident hazard pipelines. The changes in the consultation zones for the Shell Expro St Fergus to Mossmorran NGL pipeline were adopted in January 2017.

4. The proposed development has been considered using HSE's land use planning methodology and the current consultation zones as shown in paragraph 2, taking into account the information provided with the planning application.

5. The football stadium and the football academy pavilion lie outside the consultation distance of both of the pipelines. The other elements of the proposed development which lie wholly or partly within the consultation distance include:

- (a) the training facilities for Aberdeen FC
- (b) the pitches for the academy and community facilities
- (c) the shuttle bus facilities
- (d) the Outside Broadcast area
- (e) coach and car parking areas
- (f) access roads

6. Of these, the only element which gave rise to any concerns from HSE relates to the queuing arrangements for the shuttle buses serving Aberdeen city centre and the various park and ride sites, particularly at the end of a football match or other event. However, following discussions between HSE and a consultant engaged by the applicant, these concerns have been addressed, and the latest Proposed Site Layout



drawing (ref, Dwg. No. 10422-P(90)003 rev A) now shows that the area for pedestrian access to the buses will not extend within the middle zone boundary of the Shell Expro St Fergus to Mossmorran pipeline, i.e. within 280 metres of the pipeline. Consequently, **HSE does not advise, on safety grounds, against the granting of planning permission for this application.**

7. As the proposed development is within the consultation distance of two major accident hazard pipelines, if you have not already done so, you should consider contacting the pipeline operators, BP and Shell Expro, before deciding this case. There are two particular reasons for this:

- (a) they may have a legal interest (easement, wayleave, etc.) in the vicinity of the pipeline. This may restrict certain developments within a certain proximity of the pipeline.
- (b) the standards to which the pipeline is designed and operated may restrict occupied buildings or major traffic routes within a certain proximity of the pipeline. Consequently there may be a need for the operator to modify the pipeline, or its operation, if the development proceeds.

8. With regard to the consultation under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, Environmental Impact Assessments are concerned with projects which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. HSE's principal concerns are the health and safety of people at work and those affected by work activities. Therefore HSE cannot usefully comment on what information should be included in the environmental statement of the proposed development. However, the environmental statements should not include measures which would conflict with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and its relevant statutory provisions.

Yours sincerely



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