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Mr Jim Conway
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Dear Mr Conway,

The Health and Safety Authority (the Authority) is an authority prescribed under Article 13 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015 and as such is required to be consulted in relation to Development Plans under sections 11 to 13 and 24 of the Act.

The approach of the Authority to Land-use Planning is set out in the document 'Policy & Approach of the Health and Safety Authority to COMAH Risk-based Land-use Planning'. It is available from our website at:

[https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your Industry/Chemicals/Legislation Enforcement/COMAH/Approach to LUP under Comah Regs.pdf](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your%20Industry/Chemicals/Legislation%20Enforcement/COMAH/Approach%20to%20LUP%20under%20Comah%20Regs.pdf)

The document should be consulted to fully understand the context in which our advice is given.

While it is unclear whether the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) falls under those sections of the Act, the following comments are offered for your consideration in developing the strategy.

The Authority would expect the strategy to contain:

1. Reference to planning policy in relation to major accident hazard establishments notified under the COMAH Regulations (S.I. 209 of 2015), reflecting the intentions of Article 13 of Directive 2012/18/EU (the 'Seveso Directive').
2. A list of notified establishments. This is available from our website:
[https://www.hsa.ie/eng/your industry/chemicals/legislation enforcement/comah/list of establishments/](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/your%20industry/chemicals/legislation%20enforcement/comah/list%20of%20establishments/)
This, and additional information on consultation distances, should be available to you directly from the relevant planning authorities in the region.
3. Consultation distances and generic advice, where applicable, supplied by the Authority to the relevant planning authorities in the region, in relation to such establishments. These zones and distances should be indicated on relevant maps included in the strategy.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sharon McGuinness
Chief Executive