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Dear Mr Roberts

Transposition for Wales of EC Sevesco II Directive (As Amended): Changes to Hazardous Substances System of Controls (Land Use Planning)

Thank you for your letter inviting comments on the above consultation document (found at www.countryside.wales.gov.uk/fe/master.asp?n1=123). The consultation paper has been considered by the Royal Town Planning Institute's Welsh Planning Policy Panel and we do not have any adverse comments to make.

In our opinion, the main changes in the Directive appear to be the introduction of further classes of 'hazardous substances' and a change in some of the weight limits. The proposed amendment to the Town & Country Planning Act (1990) (development plans regulations) will mean maintaining appropriate distances between establishments covered by this Directive and residential areas, buildings and areas of public use, major transport routes as far as possible, recreational areas and areas of particular natural sensitivity or interest and (in the case of existing establishments) for additional technical measures in accordance with article 5 of the Directive so as not to increase the risk to people.

The Institute does not have any objection to this response being made public.

Yours sincerely

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