

(by email only)
Newport Council

HSE Ref: L2836
Your Ref: 25/0983

Date: 18 March 2026

For the attention of: Geraint Roberts

Dear Mr Roberts

**Land Use Planning Consultation with Health and Safety Executive
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order
2012**

Planning application: 25/0983

**Proposal: CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (USE CLASS B2)
TO DATA CENTRE (USE CLASS B8) INCLUDING RECLADDING OF EXTERNAL
ELEVATIONS, INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, AND
ANCILLARY WORKS**

Location: Liberty Steel Corporation Road Newport NP19 4XE

1. 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 identified in planning application 25/0983 lies within the consultation distance (CD) of a major hazard site:
 - H4686 – DIMEC Oil & Chemical Ltd
2. Therefore, this consultation has been considered using HSE's Land Use Planning Methodology (see [HSE: Land use planning - HSE's land use planning methodology](#)), taking account of the above major hazard site in order to determine HSE's advice.

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3. Consequently, **HSE does not advise, on safety grounds, against the granting of planning permission in this case.**
4. Major hazard sites/major accident hazard pipelines are subject to the requirements of the Health and Safety etc. Act 1974, which specifically includes provisions for the protection of the public. However, the possibility remains that a major accident could occur at an installation and that this could have serious consequences for people in the vicinity. Although the likelihood of a major accident occurring is small, it is felt prudent for planning purposes to consider the risks to people in the vicinity of the hazardous installation. Where hazardous substances consent has been granted (by the hazardous substances authority), then the maximum quantity of hazardous substance that is permitted to be on site is used as the basis of HSE's assessment – see para 068 of the Planning Practice Guidance on hazardous substances (<http://www.gov.uk/guidance/hazardous-substances>).
5. Please note that the proposed development site also falls within the safeguarding zones for an Explosives site. Therefore, you will also need to contact the HSE Explosives Inspectorate to obtain their advice too (explosives.planning@hse.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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