

How should businesses that need hazardous substances consent and local authorities work together?

It is good planning practice for local authorities and businesses that need hazardous substances consent to work together when [Local Plans](#) are being prepared. This can help to reduce the potential for conflicting land uses and promote safety of people and protection of the environment.

The National Planning Policy Framework expects planning policies and decisions to help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. This may include the chemicals industry, distributors and other businesses that require hazardous substances consent.

The chemicals industry is an important part of the UK economy. Local planning authorities can use the [duty to cooperate](#) to work strategically with neighbouring authorities and local enterprise partnerships to understand the needs of business in their area, including the chemicals industry.

In wholly or predominantly business areas that have been designated as such for neighbourhood planning, businesses can take the lead and the local planning authority can work with business to support their ambitions, including early consideration of the need for [hazardous substances consent](#).

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