

SG Safeguarding 6: Safeguarding oil and gas sites

We will approve oil and gas related development, subject to other policies, within St. Fergus Gas Terminal or on land allocated for related development.

We will not approve any other development in or adjacent to this site.

Reasoned Justification

The aim of this policy is to safeguard the major oil and gas sites at St Fergus North for oil and gas related *development*. Their site boundaries are shown in the Buchan section of Chapter 8, although they do not strictly meet the definition of a *rural service centre*.

St Fergus North has previously been identified by the Scottish Ministers as requiring to be safeguarded for large-scale petrochemical development. Although this is no longer required at the national level, such safeguarding gives protection to these areas from development that could impact negatively on their current and potential operations. This remains in both the local and regional interest, given the important role of these sites.