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Defense, Sustainability, Planning and Land: Directions for Thought

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There is a close connection between defense and sustainability: without defense there is no sustainability. Nevertheless in actual discourse on sustainability there is no reference to defense; broader discussions of defense do not relate to sustainability, and in planning discourse reference to sustainability and defense is very limited. This article discusses the interdependencies between sustainability, defense, planning and land. Though a priori defense supports sustainability and complementarity between them is to be expected, in fact there are many substitutions between sustainability dimensions and defense considerations and practices. With a negative definition of sustainable development (development that does not contradict sustainability), it is necessary to distinguish between minimal demands for defense (land and planning) and other relevant issues that are subsumed under the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability.

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