

# OIKOS MARINE & SOUTH SIDE DEVELOPMENT



## The application process

Due to the nature of the proposals, the OMSSD project will be taken forward as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project or NSIP.

### What is an NSIP?

NSIPs are major infrastructure projects that are approved by what is known as a Development Consent Order, or DCO for short, rather than a normal planning permission.

If a proposal qualifies as an NSIP, then it is a legal requirement for the application to follow the DCO consenting process.

### Who makes the final decision on the OMSSD?

A DCO application is submitted to the appropriate Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). In the case of the OMSSD project, the decision as to whether to approve the proposals will ultimately be taken by the Secretary of State for Transport.

### What happens?

An applicant for a DCO has to comply with regulatory requirements throughout the application process. A key element of this is the need for the applicant to undertake a comprehensive consultation exercise with both the relevant regulatory bodies and the local community.

A summary of the key steps in the DCO application process, along with possible time scales is outlined to the right. Once the OMSSD application has been submitted – which we currently anticipate will be in **early 2021** – the examination and decision making process follows a very strict timeline.

In addition to giving us your feedback at this and future consultations, interested parties will be able to register and get involved in the examination following the submission of the application.



2019

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Early engagement  
- Autumn to end 2019

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Preparation of the EIA  
Scoping Opinion Request  
and submission to PINS  
- Autumn 2019



2020

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Statutory Consultation  
- Spring 2020

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Ongoing preparation of the  
application



2021

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Submission of the DCO  
Application to PINS  
- Early 2021

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Examination  
- Summer 2021



2022

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Decision  
- Summer 2022

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Construction commences  
(subject to scheme approval)  
- Summer 2022

Further details on the DCO process, and how to get involved is provided by the Planning Inspectorate on its website.