

# Oikos Marine & South Side Development

Online Webinar and Q&A session



## Running Order

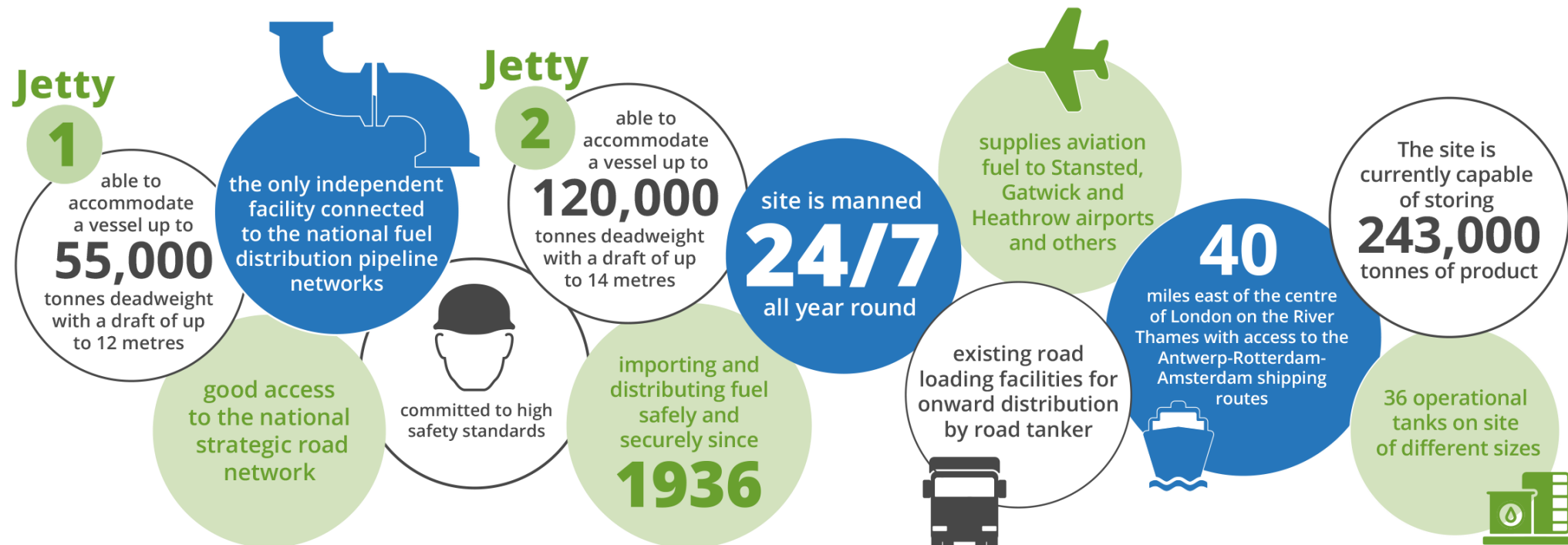
- Introduction – Oikos Storage Ltd
- Project and Consultation Overview – Adams Hendry Consulting Ltd
- Q&A – Copper Consultancy to chair

Please ask questions when you want, using the question function, and we will come back to them during the Q&A session at the end.

# Ground Rules

- Please ask questions on any subject you wish using the question function.
- Questions will be presented anonymously.
- We will try to answers questions as fully as we can and to cover all the topics that you raise.
- If we cannot answer your questions now, we have records of what you have asked and will attempt to come back to you afterwards
- Please respect the presenters and the other people in the audience. Any abusive language or behaviour will not be tolerated.

## Who are Oikos and what do they do?



## How does the Oikos Facility operate?

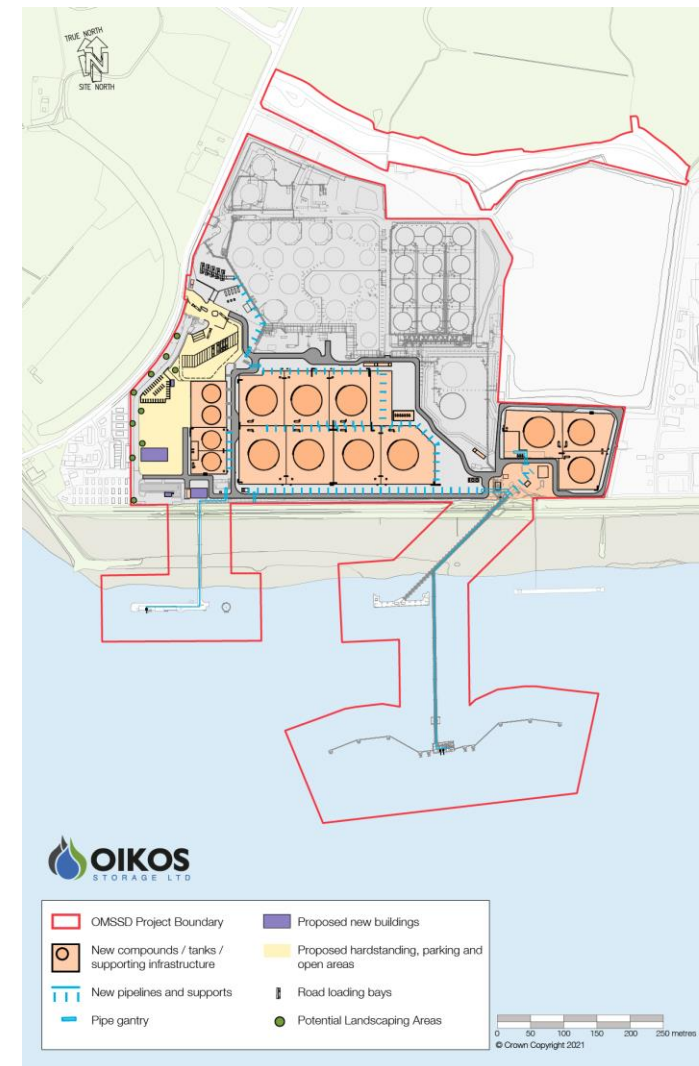
- Product is delivered to the facility by vessel
- Stored in tanks until required
- Transferred off site via pipeline or tankers



# What is the OMSSD Project?

- New marine infrastructure
- Additional storage tanks
- Additional road loading bays and parking
- Dredge to Jetty 2 berth pocket
- Landscaping and habitat mitigation
- New workshop and ancillary buildings
- Office extension
- Supporting infrastructure

The proposal uses currently vacant space within the facility that was historically used for the storage of bulk liquid products.



## Why we are promoting the OMSSD Project?

- The Oikos Facility is an existing critical piece of national infrastructure that has a number of significant assets and operational benefits which are collectively considered to be unique.
- The products we handle are significant and the changing nature of the trade means that facilities like ours will continue to be important for UK energy supplies going forward.
- The UK needs to continue to have a flexible, resilient, competitive and safe fuel supply system that provides capacity where it is required.
- Against this background we are promoting the OMSSD project to make best use of the existing critical piece of national infrastructure that is our facility.



# The application process

**The OMSSD project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) – why?**

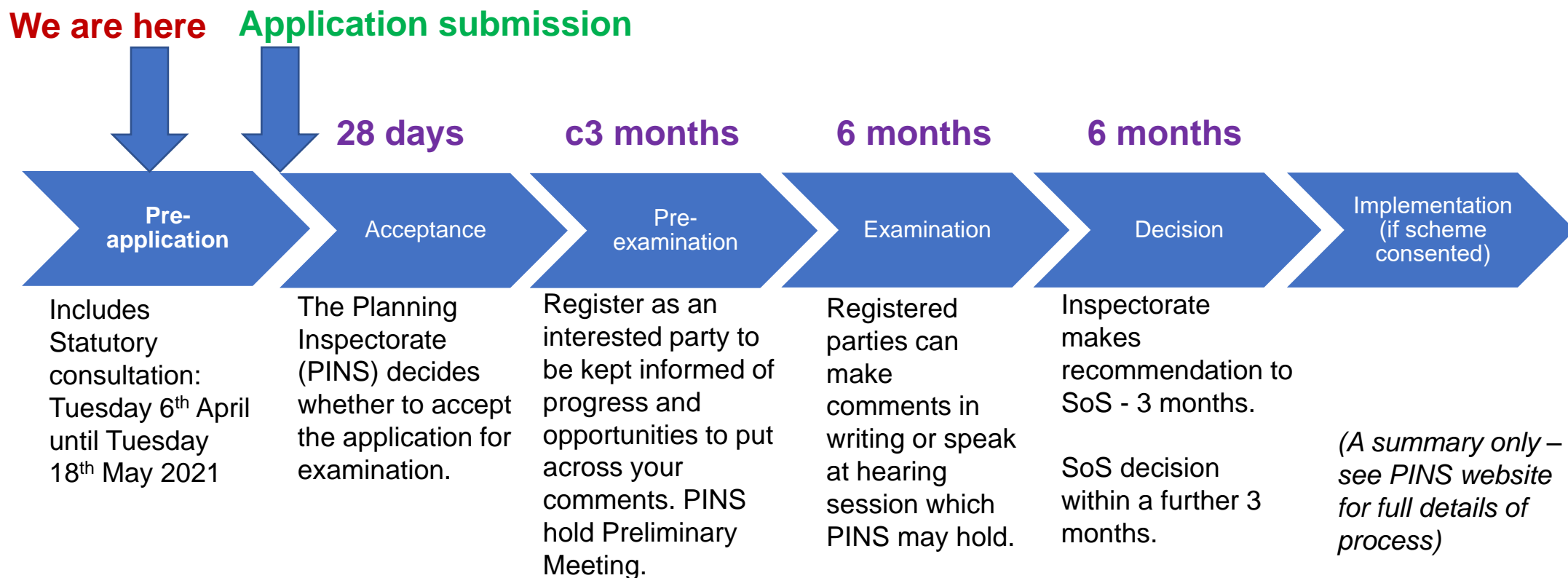
- The project will exceed the threshold for a harbour facility NSIP set out in the Planning Act 2008.

**What does this mean for the OMSSD project?**

- A Development Consent Order (DCO) application has to be made to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Transport – by law no other consent route is available.
- Specific pre-application process, including consultation requirements, and highly defined timetable once the application is submitted.
- Generally, the SoS must decide a DCO application in accordance with any relevant National Policy Statement. In this case the national policy statements for Ports and Energy will be relevant.



# The NSIP process



## **What is the current stage of the process?**

- OMSSD project still at pre-application stage – currently undergoing statutory consultation

## **What have we done so far?**

- Announced the project - informal consultation in November 2019.
- Obtained a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in May 2020.
- Engaged with key parties and statutory consultees, and undertaken surveys and assessment work.
- Revised the scheme from November 2019 and prepared Preliminary Environmental Information
- Organised this statutory consultation inviting comments over a six-week period.

## **What is next?**

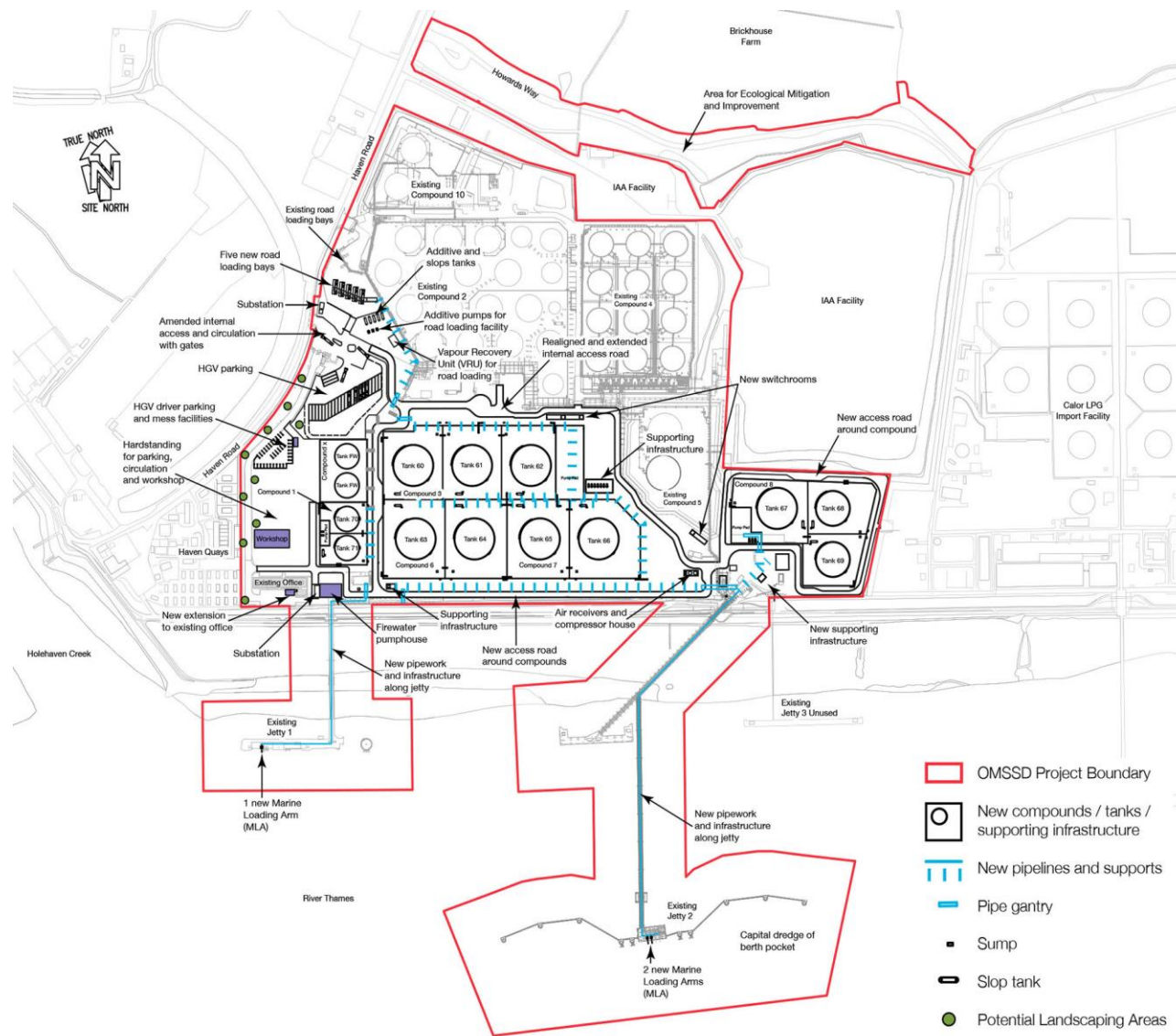
- Complete statutory consultation and take account of comments received in working up the application.
- Complete preparation of application.
- Submit application to PINS – later in 2021.

## What is being consulted on?

- Our consultation information is primarily focused on the preliminary environmental information which we have produced. This is based on what we know about the project so far, surveys and assessment work that have been undertaken and comments received from the informal consultation and discussions we have had.
- (i) Full detail of the preliminary information is contained within the ‘Preliminary Environmental Information Report’ (PEIR).
- (ii) A non-technical summary of the information is contained within the ‘Consultation Booklet’.
- (iii) A high-level explanation is provided via the virtual exhibition boards and associated information.
- This information can be found on the project website and in the virtual exhibition space.
  - Key aspects of the PEIR are now explained further.

# The OMSSD Project

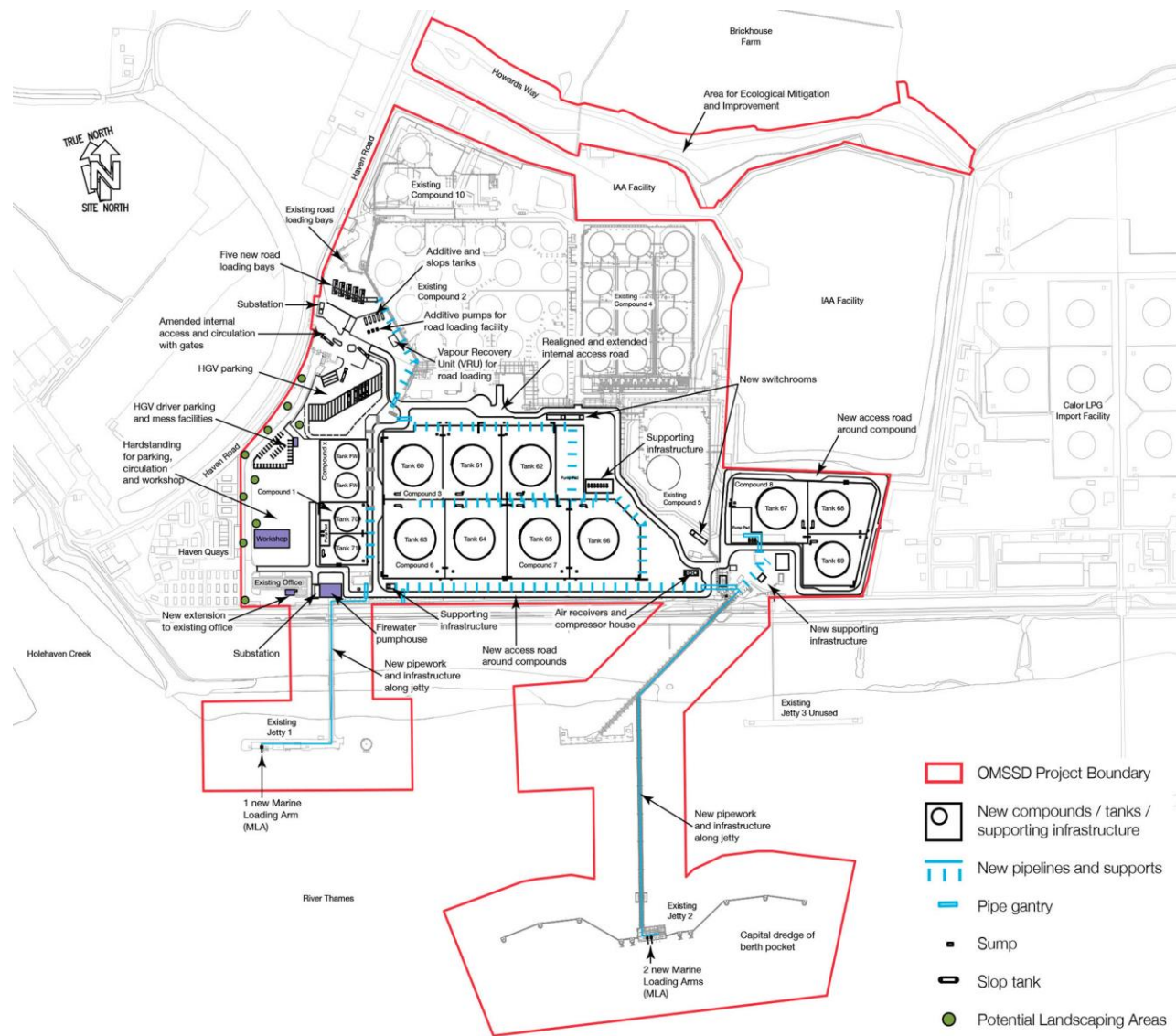
- Project has evolved since it was first announced in late 2019.
- This evolution has taken account of initial consultation responses, views of statutory bodies, ongoing design work and the outcomes of initial assessment work.
- Responses to current consultation will assist in finalising project detail before the application is submitted.



# The OMSSD Project

- New marine infrastructure on the existing jetties.
- A capital dredge.
- New on-site storage tanks and associated operational infrastructure.
- Additional road loading bays and parking.
- New workshop and an extension to the office building.
- Supporting infrastructure
- On site landscaping and off-site ecological mitigation and improvement works

Full detail given in Chapter 3 of the PEIR





## Why is the project being promoted?

There is considered to be a clear need to ensure that the best use is made of the existing critical piece of national infrastructure that is the Oikos Facility. This clear need is identified having regard to:

- The recognised significance of the Oikos Facility and the various significant assets and benefits it has which are collectively considered to be unique.
- The significance of the products handled by the Oikos Facility and the changing nature of that trade – including in respect of the move towards net zero by 2050.
- The significance of a flexible, resilient, competitive and safe fuel supply and distribution system that provides capacity where it is required.
- The recognised significance of the need for the type of infrastructure provided by the Oikos Facility.
- The significance of port development contributing to the achievement of sustainable development.

More detail is provided within Chapter 4 of the PEIR document.

## The significance of the Oikos Facility

- It occupies a strategic River Thames north side location within the largest fuel market in North-West Europe.
- It has good strategic and site specific deep water access, and good landside accessibility.
- Existing operational connections to two national fuel distribution pipelines – which are both individually nationally significant infrastructure assets in their own right.
- It contains areas of previously developed but currently vacant land located within the existing operational boundary of the facility.
- It is independently owned, meaning that the facility is not dependent on the operations or requirements of a particular fuel or product producer.
- It has the basis modern marine infrastructure in place that has the ability to accommodate further equipment and infrastructure for the handling of additional volumes of product and to enable the break bulk of large cargoes and transshipment activities to occur.



## The Preliminary Environmental Information

- Provides current information on the project and its environmental effects (during construction and operation stages) which draws upon work undertaken over the past c18 – 24 months.
- Environmental topics needing to be assessed and how they should be assessed is based upon the formal 'Scoping Opinion' obtained from PINS in May 2020.
- Scoping Opinion itself based upon extensive consultation undertaken by PINS with appropriate expert and statutory bodies.
- In addition to being guided by the Scoping Opinion, the preliminary assessment information:
  - (i) has been produced by independent experts and specialists;
  - (ii) takes account of relevant guidance, legislation and best practice; and
  - (ii) takes account of the views of expert and statutory bodies consulted during the process.

## The Preliminary Environmental Information

The information provided sets out the preliminary assessments which have been undertaken of the OMSSD project in respect of:

Terrestrial Ecology	Ground Conditions
The Water Environment	Flood Risk and Surface Water Drainage
Marine Ecology	Landscape and Visual
Commercial and Recreational Navigation	Lighting
Traffic and Transport	Historic Environment
Air Quality	Socio-Economic
Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change	Safety
Noise and Vibration	Cumulative and In-Combination Effects

## The Preliminary Environmental Information

Each preliminary assessment contains common information, including:

- Information on assessment methodology;
- A description of the existing environment in respect of the specific environmental topic;
- An initial assessment of likely significant environmental effects;
- An explanation of any mitigation measures that will be put in place to reduce environmental effects; and
- An explanation of the preliminary conclusions reached in respect of residual environmental effects (i.e. effects once mitigation measures are taken into account).

## **The Preliminary Environmental Information**

A series of preliminary mitigation measures have been identified, including:

- Provision of extensive off-site ecological mitigation and improvements;
- Careful control and management of certain activities during the construction process;
- Adherence to relevant legislative processes and procedures, and
- Use of best practice measures.

Main points raised during consultation to date relate to traffic and transport matters, and safety related matters. These topics are considered in detail in Chapters 11 and 21 and accompanying appendices of the PEIR

## Next Steps - Indicative

- 6<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> May - Statutory Consultation period
- Following statutory consultation we will review all comments received and take them on board in preparing and finalising the application.
- Continue to discuss the project with statutory consultees and others as necessary.
- Prepare the application – which consists of a number of different plans and documents which are required by legislation.
- Submit the application to PINS later in 2021.
- Once submitted, the timescale for the process is controlled by PINS.

## Further information and consultation

More information about the project and access to the virtual exhibition is available at:  
[oikos.co.uk/omsssd/consultation](http://oikos.co.uk/omsssd/consultation)



## Future Q&A sessions



### Webinars



Monday 26th April 2021



11am - 2pm



Thursday 29th April 2021



9am - 1pm



Tuesday 4th May 2021



6pm - 9pm



Saturday 8th May 2021





8am - 11am



Please take the time to give formal feedback via the form available at [oikos.co.uk/omssd/consultation](http://oikos.co.uk/omssd/consultation)

Consultation closes at midnight on  
18 May 2021



**OIKOS MARINE & SOUTH SIDE DEVELOPMENT**

### OMSSD Feedback Questionnaire

**About Oikos and the Oikos Marine and South Side Development (OMSSD)**

The Oikos Facility is a nationally significant bulk liquid and fuel import and storage harbour facility on Canvey Island. A facility has been operating at the site since 1936. For over 80 years, we have been importing, storing and delivering products safely and securely and have an excellent track record in health, safety and environmental practices.

Oikos is proposing to carry out development at its facility in the form of the OMSSD project. The project consists of new marine infrastructure, additional storage tanks and associated other operational infrastructure.

#### Feedback Questionnaire

Please complete this questionnaire to let us know your views on the OMSSD.

We are asking for your views as part of our statutory consultation on the project. Details about the OMSSD project, the consultation activities being carried out, the documents we have produced and how to submit your comments are available on the OMSSD consultation website at [www.oikos.co.uk/omssd/consultation](http://www.oikos.co.uk/omssd/consultation).

We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which sets out our preliminary environmental assessment work that we have undertaken to date. Each section of the questionnaire explains where further information on that topic can be found within the PEIR. A summary of the information contained within the PEIR can be found within the Consultation Booklet, which is also available on the OMSSD Consultation Website.

For each topic area the questionnaire provides a mixture of multiple choice and open questions, enabling you to expand on your views where you wish to. Where possible in your answers, please give appropriate responses relevant to each topic area. If you need any assistance in completing the questionnaire, please contact us - Email: [oikos@communityrelations.co.uk](mailto:oikos@communityrelations.co.uk) or Freephone: 0800 206 2583.

Alternatively, you do not have to use this Questionnaire in providing us with your comments.

#### Consultation

Q1. Have you found the consultation information contained within the OMSSD website and the virtual exhibition room clear and easy to understand?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Q2. Have you been able to access the information you were looking for in order to respond to the consultation?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

To find out more go to: [www.oikos.co.uk/omssd/consultation](http://www.oikos.co.uk/omssd/consultation)

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