## The Application Process

Offshore wind developments of more than 100MW are considered Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and require a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate.

The DCO process was created to streamline the consenting of large infrastructure projects and to ensure transparency and facilitate public participation.

The DCO application process will be managed by the Planning Inspectorate and examined by an Examining Authority, which will produce a recommendations report, before a decision is made by the Secretary of State.

The Local Planning Authority and Marine Management Organisation play an important consultative role in the process.

If granted, the DCO will consent the offshore wind farm, the cables and associated electrical infrastructure as well as the onshore grid connection works (and any other associated development included in the application).



