

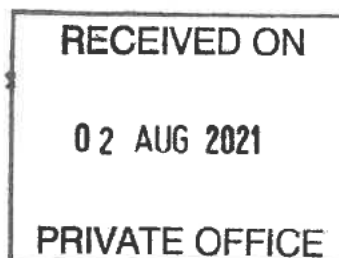
**Date:** 28 July 2021

**Enquirers:** Various Enquiries sent to Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport (see below)

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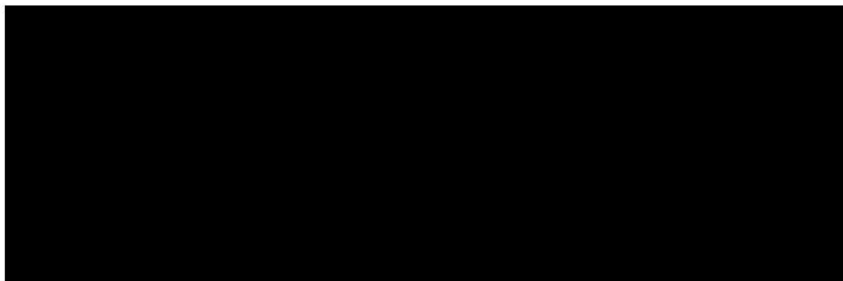
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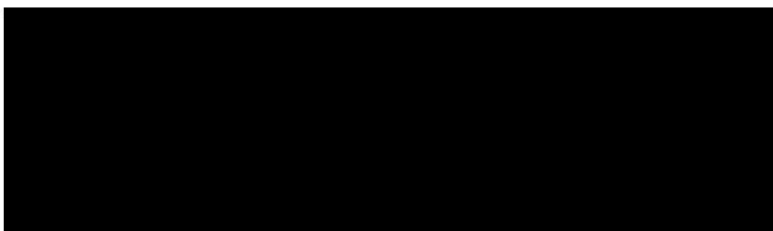
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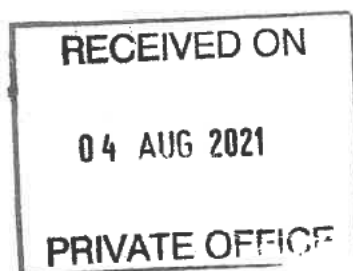
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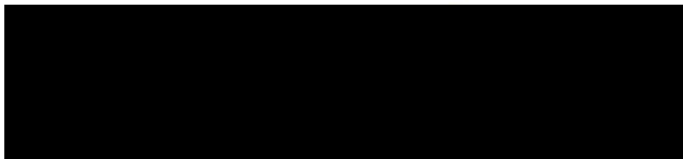
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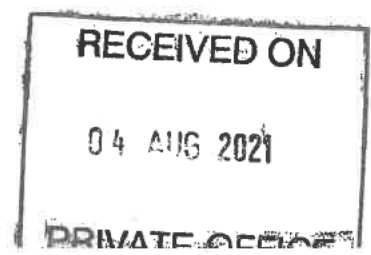
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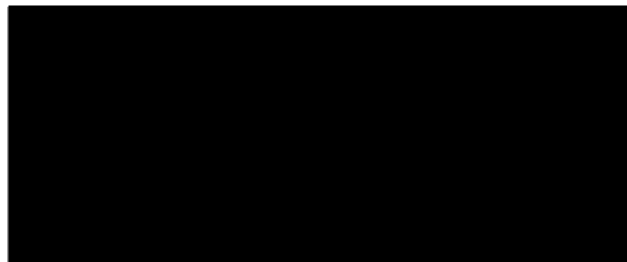
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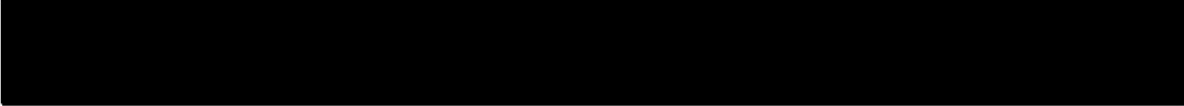
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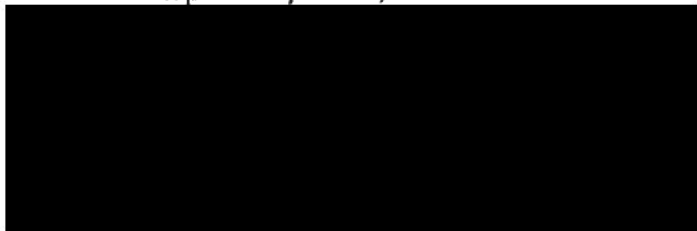
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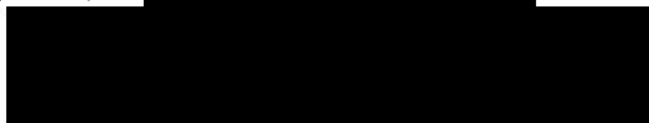
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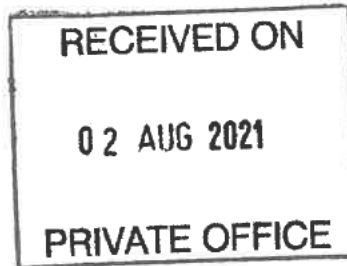
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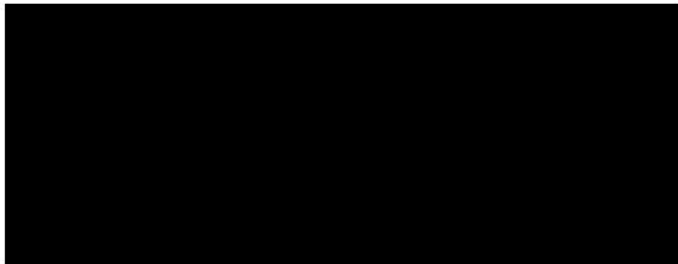
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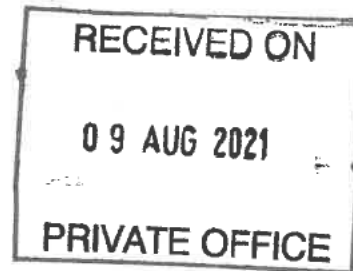
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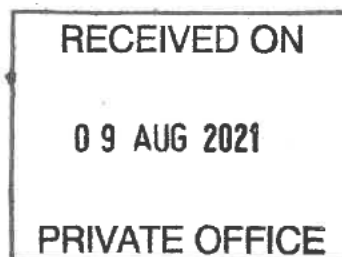
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**Harry Rodwell**

## Diane Rodwell

Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps  
Secretary of State for Transport  
Great Minster House  
33 Horseferry Road  
London  
SW1 4DR



28th July 2021

**Re: Objection To The Proposed Oikos Development of Canvey Island Site**  
**PINS Ref TR030004**

Dear Sir,

I write with reference to the above.

**Oikos** have had a presence on Canvey Island for quite some time now and up to now things haven't been as good as they should have been. There have been incidences over the years that have caused concern, but it would appear that these have not been followed up and now Oikos plan to redevelop their south-side area.

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**Diane Rodwell**

## **Advice:**

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the proposed Oikos Marine and South Side Development project (OMSSD) addressed to the Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport. As your correspondence relates to the submission of a Development Consent Order (DCO) application, it has been passed to me to respond in my capacity as a Case Manager at the Planning Inspectorate.

I can confirm that the OMSSD project is currently at the Pre-Application stage of the DCO process and an application for Development Consent has not yet been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. An application is expected to be submitted in Quarter 3, 2021.

As you may be aware, the Applicant (Oikos Storage Ltd) has recently carried out its statutory consultation period. It is understood, from the Applicant's website (<https://www.oikos.co.uk/our-development/>) that the deadline for consultation responses was 18 May 2021. However, you can make general enquiries about this project directly with the Applicant or register for their project updates via the following contact details:

- **Email:** [oikos@communityrelations.co.uk](mailto:oikos@communityrelations.co.uk)
- **Phone:** 0800 206 2583
- **Post:** OIKOS FREEPOST

Please note that the Pre-Application consultation process is entirely led by the Applicant, who are responsible for ensuring that they comply with the legislative requirements surrounding consultation which are set out in the Planning Act 2008. This includes a legal requirement for the Applicant to consult with Statutory Bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Your correspondence provides your comments on the merits of the Proposed Development, which the Applicant sought during its consultation. The Planning Inspectorate would advise you to make these comments directly to the Applicant if you have not already done so. If you are not satisfied that the Applicant is taking your comments into account you should raise this with the Local Authority.

## **Information about the Planning Inspectorate's remit once an Application is submitted**

When an application is formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination, an assessment is made on whether it is of a satisfactory standard to proceed to an Examination. One key element of this assessment is to check whether the Applicant has fulfilled its statutory consultation duties. In order to help make an informed decision on this matter the Planning Inspectorate writes to all relevant Local Authorities for their views on the adequacy of the consultation. The Applicant is also statutorily required to demonstrate in its submitted application where they have shown regard to responses received during their period of statutory consultation.

If the application is subsequently accepted for Examination, parties are able to register as an Interested Party and make Relevant Representations for the appointed Examining Authority to consider. Please read the Planning Inspectorate's advice note on How to Register to participate in an Examination (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>) for further information.

The appointed Examining Authority will make an initial assessment of the issues arising from the submitted application as well as from the Relevant Representations received, which will inform their Examination of the proposed development.

In order to assist parties in understanding the Planning Act 2008 process, the Planning Inspectorate has prepared a suite of Advice Notes. In particular the Advice Note 8 series provides an overview for members of the public of the Examination of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>). The Advice Notes are available to view on the National Infrastructure Planning website, hopefully you will find these of assistance.

You may wish to note that the Planning Inspectorate has set up a project page on the Nationally Significant Planning website for the OMSSD project: (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/oikos-marine-south-side-development/>). All documents received and issued by the Planning Inspectorate will be published to this page, including your correspondence and this response.

I hope this information is of assistance.