

<b>Consent to Locate Application Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
<p><b>Consent to locate a Mobile Installation</b> (in open waters)</p> <p>e.g. mobile drilling units (MoDUs), accommodation units (Flotels), crane units</p>	<p>Consent to Locate for mobile installations that are to be temporarily located to undertake relevant operations. The commonest example will be the location of a drilling rig. The 'term' consent will be valid for the period requested by the operator, to cover the move to the consented location, the undertaking and completion of the operations, and the vacating from the consented location.</p>
<p><b>Consent to locate a Mobile Vessel</b></p> <p>e.g. well intervention vessels, well operations vessels</p>	<p>Consent to Locate for vessels or barges that are temporarily located to undertake relevant operations, where it is determined that the nature of the operations could result in an obstruction or danger to navigation. The commonest example will be the location of a well intervention vessel. The 'term' consent will be valid for the period requested by the operator, to cover the move to the consented location, the undertaking and completion of the operations, and the vacating from the consented location. Operations that do not constitute a potential navigational hazard, as there is no physical connection to subsea infrastructure or the seabed and/or the vessels could move off location quickly in an emergency, do not require consent.</p>
<p><b>Consent to locate a Permanent / Fixed Installation</b> (and any mobile vessel(s) or mobile installation(s) working or to be located within 500 m safety zone of the permanent / fixed installation)</p> <p>e.g. manned platforms, NUIs, FPSOs and FSUs</p>	<p>Consent to Locate for permanent / fixed surface installations designed to remain in position for the life of the field. The commonest example will be the installation of a manned platform or NUI. The 'life' consent will have an indeterminate period of validity, to cover installation, and the duration of the operations until final decommissioning. The 'life' consent application should be used to include details of mobile drilling units (MoDU's) / accommodation flotels / construction barges etc. planned to be bridge linked to the permanent / fixed installation or working within 500 m safety zone of the permanent / fixed installation.</p>
<p><b>Consent to locate a Permanent / Fixed Structure</b></p> <p>e.g. well templates, wellheads, and xmas trees</p>	<p>Consent to Locate for permanent / fixed subsea structures designed to remain in position for the life of the field that are not covered by a Pipeline Works Authorisation (PWA). The commonest example will be the location of a wellhead. The 'life' consent will have an indeterminate period of validity, to cover installation, and the duration of the operations until final decommissioning.</p>
<p><b>Consent to locate a Pipeline or Cable System</b></p> <p>e.g. infield or export pipelines, water injection lines and control umbilicals</p>	<p>Consent to Locate for permanent / fixed subsea infrastructure designed to remain in position for the life of the field that is covered by a PWA. The commonest example will be the installation of infield pipeline systems. The 'life' consent will have an indeterminate period of validity, to cover installation, and the duration of the operations until final decommissioning.</p>
<p><b>Consent to locate for an Other Operation</b></p> <p>e.g. the installation of surface moorings or buoys</p>	<p>There are other operations involving the deployment of surface or seabed substances or articles, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, that could result in an obstruction or danger to navigation and may therefore require Consent to Locate.</p>

If there is any uncertainty on the application type please contact Environmental Management Team by e-mail at [emt@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:emt@decc.gsi.gov.uk) or please contact your assigned Environmental Manager.