



Sutherland Spaceport



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

Highlands and Islands Enterprise ('the Applicant') will be seeking planning permission from The Highland Council (THC) to construct a spaceport under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Due to the type of development and environmental sensitivities of the surrounding area, it is anticipated that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be required under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

EIA is a process that identifies the potential environmental effects (both beneficial and adverse) of a proposed development and proposes mitigation to avoid, reduce or offset any potential significant adverse environmental effects.

The process involves a number of key steps as follows:



Progress to date

The Scoping Report was submitted to The Highland Council in June 2019 and baseline environmental data collection is underway to inform the design of the proposed development.