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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Document

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement produced as part of the Application process for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and is prepared jointly between the applicant for a DCO and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement. It also details matters that are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of a SoCG is to help the Examining Authority manage the Examination Phase of a DCO application. Understanding the status of the matters at hand will allow the Examining Authority to focus their questioning, and provide greater predictability for all participants in examination. A SoCG may be submitted prior to the start of or during Examination, and then updated as necessary or as requested during the Examination Phase.

1.2 Description of the Project

- 1.2.1 Esso Petroleum Company, Limited (Esso) launched its Southampton to London Pipeline Project late in 2017. The project proposes to replace 90km of its 105km aviation fuel pipeline that runs from the Fawley Refinery near Southampton, to the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. In spring 2018, Esso held a non-statutory consultation which helped it to select the preferred corridor for the replacement pipeline. In autumn 2018, it held a statutory consultation on the preferred route for the replacement pipeline. In early 2019, it held a second phase of statutory consultation on design refinements.

1.3 This Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared jointly by Esso as the applicant and CLH Pipeline System (CLH) as a Relevant Statutory Undertaker.

CLH Pipeline System, formerly the Government Pipelines and Storage System, is a United Kingdom pipeline system run by Compañía Logística de Hidrocarburos. The pipeline will cross a number of CLH's pipelines.

- 1.3.2 For the purpose of this SoCG, Esso and CLH will jointly be referred to as the "Parties". When referencing CLH alone, they will be referred to as "the Consultee".
- 1.3.3 Throughout this SoCG:
- Where a section begins 'matters agreed', this sets out matters that have been agreed between the Parties.
 - Where a section begins 'matters not agreed', this sets out matters that are not agreed between the Parties.



- Where a section begins 'matters subject to ongoing discussion', this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between the Parties.

1.4 Structure of the Statement of Common Ground

- 1.4.1 This SoCG has been structured to reflect matters and topics of relevance to the Consultee in respect of Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project.
- Section 2 provides an overview of the engagement to date between the Parties.
 - Section 3 provides a summary of areas that have been agreed.
 - Section 4 provides a record of areas that have not yet been agreed.
 - Section 5 provides a list of ongoing matters (if any) that will be agreed or not agreed by the Parties during examination.
 - Section 6 provides a record of relevant documents and drawings

2. Record of Engagement Undertaken to Date

2.1 Pre-application Engagement and Consultation

2.1.1 The table below sets out the consultation and engagement that has been undertaken between the Parties prior to the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
04/12/2017	Letter and phone call	Pre-launch engagement	The project made introductions to stakeholders whose position and comments on the project at an early stage could significantly impact the project.
11/12/2017	Correspondence	Project introduction	The project sent a letter to the Consultee regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map of current route • Project timeline • Project introduction
19/03/2018	Correspondence	Launch of non-statutory (Corridor) consultation	The project sent the Consultee two letters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notification of launch letter (as a potential future statutory consultee) 2) A notification letter as a landowner, with a Person with an Interest in Land questionnaire and land plans
30/05/2018	Correspondence	Preferred corridor announcement	The Consultee was sent two letters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter as a key stakeholder regarding the preferred corridor that was selected • A landowner letter
27/06/2018	Correspondence	Initial Working Route	Project update regarding Initial Working Route release.
26/07/2018	Correspondence	Statutory service information	The project submitted an enquiry to the Consultee to request information on the alignment of the Consultee's pipelines.
30/07/2018	Correspondence	Statutory service information	The project received a location plan that showed the location of pipeline and provided a copy of CLHPS-ALL-PIL-STD-0001a – the standards required for crossing or working in close proximity to the Consultee's pipelines.
06/09/2018	Correspondence	Launch of first statutory (Preferred Route) consultation	The project sent the Consultee two letters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notification of launch letter (as a statutory consultee) 2) A notification letter as a landowner, with a Person with an Interest in Land questionnaire and land plans (Both letters were in line with the Planning Act 2008.) The Consultee did not respond to consultation at this stage.
11/12/2018	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The project emailed regarding protective provision to the Consultee.



Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
16/01/2019	correspondence	Protective Provisions	The project emailed CLH regarding Protective Provisions.
18/01/2019	Correspondence	Launch of second statutory (Design Refinements) consultation	<p>The project sent the Consultee two letters:</p> <p>1) Notification of launch letter (as a statutory consultee)</p> <p>2) A notification letter as a landowner</p> <p>(Both letters complied with the approach set out the in SoCC).</p> <p>The Consultee did not respond to consultation at this stage.</p>
27/03/2019	Correspondence	Final route release	The project issued a letter announcing the final route and offering a meeting if required.
09/05/2019	Meeting	Meeting	The Parties attended an initial meeting to provide background on the project and discuss the three crossings and the DCO process.
10/05/2019	Correspondence	Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)	The project issued a draft SoCG to the Consultee.
02/07/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	The Consultee returned the signed draft version of SoCG.

2.2 Engagement Following Submission of Application

2.2.1 The table below sets out the consultation and engagement that has been undertaken between the Parties since the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points



3. Matters Agreed

3.1.1 The table below sets out the matters agreed in relation to different topics.

Topic	Matter agreed	Reference
General	It is agreed that the Consultee has no objection to the proposed pipeline route subject to the agreement of the Protective Provisions.	
Easement	It is agreed that in principle there shall be no overlapping easements (and the Esso shall seek to limit the extend of any overlapping easements as far as possible); where this is not possible then Esso shall agree a suitable and safe method of working with the consultee which retains full access rights for the consultee to its pipeline at all times and Esso shall agree a suitable safe method of working with the consultee.	
Construction	<p>In submitting the project's plans to the Consultee pursuant to protective provisions, it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross the Consultee's high pressure mains between 75 – 90 degrees and comply to CLH PS-ALL-PIL-STD-0021 procedures when excavating close to or trenchless crossing under the Consultee's fuel pipelines, if feasible. • Undertake interaction testing pre and post construction to confirm the cathodic protection on the Consultee's asset is not affected. Test shall be carried out in accordance with standard industry guidelines. 	



4. Matters Not Agreed

4.1.1 The table below sets out the matters **not** agreed in relation to different topics.

Topic	Matter not agreed	Reference



5. Matters Subject to On-going Discussion

5.1.1 The table below sets out the matters subject to ongoing discussion.

Topic	Matter subject to ongoing discussion	Reference
Protective provisions	The applicant has engaged with the Consultee on Protective Provisions and legal discussions are ongoing.	



6. Relevant documents and drawings

6.1 List of relevant documents and drawings

6.1.1 The following is a list of documents and drawings upon which this SoCG is based.

Application Reference	Title	Content	Date

