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## **Southampton to London Pipeline Project**

### **Pipeline Section A Boorley Green to Bramdean**

**Subject: Submission of suggestion for locations/sites for Examining Authority to include as part of site**

**visit programme.**

**Response from: Winchester City Council**

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the deadline for comments with regard to further site visits to be undertaken by the examining authority (ExA) in connection with the above project.

I am requesting firstly, that you undertake a site visit to that southern section of the pipeline route that runs through the Winchester City Council (WCC) district but lies outside that area administered (for planning purposes) by the South Downs National Park Authority. I consider that the following will cover the requirements for a site visit as outlined in the Rule 8 letter of 16 October 2019.

The purpose of the visit in connection with the pipeline route would be to understand and appreciate the tight knit landscape character of the area which is not evident from the submitted papers or fully recognised in the mitigation put forward.

The Second request is that you visit the site of the logistical hub off the A31 at Ropley Dean. This is one of 6 such facilities along the route that would be operating 24x7. There are no restrictions proposed on its operation. The impacts on the establishment of this facility and those resulting from its operation on the landscape and surrounding area including noise sensitive properties need to be considered. It is considered that this can only be accomplished satisfactorily by a site visit.

I have noted the initial site visit that you undertook on 2 October 2019. I have read the notes and observed that you have recorded viewing the project from public vantage points (the highway and public rights of way). I note that you have recorded visiting Maddoxford Lane and then St Stephens Castle Down. The first location lies south of the WCC area, whilst the second is located within that part of the district which is administered for planning purposes by the South Downs National Park authority. These two points are separated by a distance of approximately 8.8 km. Whilst you may have travelled up towards Stephens Castle Down using some of the lanes which are crossed by the route of the pipeline it is clear from the lack of any record, that you did not stop. I would respectively suggest that viewing from within a car is no substitute for standing in the road or on a footpath when considering impacts and appraising the wider landscape.

Regarding the first request, I am asking that you return to the lower section of the pipeline route and undertake site visits in the section of the pipeline route that lies within the WCC administered area. This is the section north of Ford Lake (a tributary to the R Hamble) up to the B2177 Winchester road west of Bishops Waltham. Having considered the situation I would request the following locations are visited:

- The Mincingfield Lane crossing (to note and observe the typical hedgerow in the area and consider the impact on the hedgerow and tress of a lane crossings)
  - Public Right Of Way ROW running NE from Durley Manor Farm (this offers a wider landscape view up and down the pipeline route offering typical views)
  - The B2177 Winchester Road south side crossing (parking down Wintershill would also enable a view of that section in the vicinity of that road) Note proposed loss of well established trees and poor re-establishment of planting over existing pipeline on south side of B2177
- Further detail on the background to both areas outlined above can be found in the WCC Local Impact Report.

To offer maximum flexibility, I do not see the need for any of the visits to be accompanied and I am content that they could be undertaken by you alone.

Regards

Steve Cornwell

Winchester City Council.