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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 Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared jointly by Esso as the applicant and SSE as a Relevant Statutory Undertaker.
- 1.3.2 For the purpose of this SoCG, Esso and SSE will jointly be referred to as the "Parties". When referencing SSE 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	Correspondence	Pre-go live engagement	Project introduction for stakeholders whose position and comments on the project at an early stage could significantly impact the project.
11/12/2017	Correspondence	Project launch	The project sent the Consultee two letters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project introduction • Intention to hold future meeting and spring consultation
19/03/2018	Correspondence	Non-statutory (Corridor) consultation launch	The project sent the Consultee two letters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to announce the consultation launch • PIL questionnaire and plans The Consultee did not respond to consultation at this stage.
30/05/2018	Correspondence	Preferred corridor announcement	The project sent the Consultee a letter to announce the selection of the preferred corridor. The project also confirmed if the Consultee's assets were within preferred corridor.
27/06/2018	Correspondence	Initial Working Route	Project update regarding Initial Working Route.
06/09/2018	Correspondence	Launch of first statutory (Preferred Route) consultation	Letter sent to inform of launch of first statutory (Preferred Route) consultation in line with Section 42 of Planning Act 2008. The Consultee did not respond to consultation at this stage.
04/12/2018	Correspondence	Provisional alignment	Esso issued via email Preferred Provisional alignment (post statutory consultation) shape and CAD file to Network Design Manager.
07/12/2018	Correspondence	Protective Provision	CMS Senior Associate emailed Esso to inform he has been instructed to act for SSE.
12/12/2018	Correspondence	Protective Provision	Esso emailed the Consultee's Legal Manager - Networks stating contact will be made soon and lead legal protective provision contact details will be provided.
08/01/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate emailed to chase Esso for engagement.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
10/01/2019	File transfer	Statutory service information	The project received copy of SSE's current GIS data.
21/01/2019	Correspondence	Launch of the second statutory (Design Refinements) consultation	<p>The project sent the Consultee two letters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of launch letter (as a potential future statutory consultee) • A notification letter as a landowner, with a Person with an Interest in Land questionnaire and land plans <p>The Consultee did not respond to consultation at this stage.</p>
25/01/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	Esso instructed VWV to engage with the Consultee's Senior Associate.
31/01/2019	Meeting	Project update meeting	Meeting with Consultant EHV Design Engineer.
07/03/2019	Meeting	Project update meeting	Meeting with Consultant's EHV Design Engineer discussed connections requirements, budget estimates and feasibility study phase.
27/03/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate issued the Consultee's protective provisions to Esso.
27/03/2019	Correspondence	Final route announcement	The project sent the Consultee a letter and brochure to announce the final route.
03/04/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate emailed to chase Esso for engagement on the protective provisions
10/05/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate emailed to chase Esso for engagement on the protective provisions

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
10/06/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate emailed to chase Esso for engagement on the protective provisions

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Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
25/06/2019	Meeting	Project meeting	Discussed cathodic protection and crossing of SSE assets.
12/07/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate emailed to chase Esso for engagement on the protective provisions
14/08/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	Esso responded with comments on the Consultee's protective provisions
04/09/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate responded to Esso's comments on the Consultee's protective provisions
17/09/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provision	The Consultee's Senior Associate emailed to chase Esso for any further comments on the Consultee's protective provisions



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 SSE have no objection to the proposed pipeline alignment.	Ongoing engagement
Engagement	It is agreed that contact will be maintained with SSE during detailed design and ahead of construction as per protective provisions.	Agreed in meetings dated 04/12/2018 and 31/01/2019



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 Provision	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