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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Document

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement prepared jointly by the applicant for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement and matters which are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of SoCGs is to provide a clear record of the issues discussed and the stage each issue is at during the discussion. The SoCG can be used as evidence of these discussions in representations to the Planning Inspectorate as part of their examination of the DCO application.

1.2 Description of the Project

- 1.2.1 Esso Petroleum Company, Limited launched the Southampton to London Pipeline Project late in 2017. The project proposes to replace 90km of the 105km aviation fuel pipeline that runs from the Fawley Refinery near Southampton, to the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. Esso recently completed the public consultation on their preferred route for the replacement pipeline. This was the project's second public consultation.
- 1.2.2 More information can be found on our website [www.slpproject.co.uk].

1.3 This Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared in respect of the scheme by Esso Petroleum Company, Limited (Esso) as the Applicant, and Historic England as a statutory consultee.
- 1.3.2 Esso is a brand of ExxonMobil, which has operated in the UK for over 120 years. In the early days ExxonMobil imported high quality lamp oil to the UK market. Today their focus on quality fuels remains, but operations are far more extensive. Esso owns and operates the UK's largest refinery at Fawley, which provides fuel for more than 800,000 retail customers every day at Esso-branded service stations. An underground distribution pipeline network transports fuel from Fawley to Esso's fuel terminals at Avonmouth, Birmingham, Hythe, Purfleet, West London and also for use at the UK's busiest airports.

- 1.3.3 Historic England, officially known as the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England, is the government's independent advisor on all aspects of the historic environment in England. Historic England exists to help people understand, value, care for and enjoy England's unique heritage. Historic England is a statutory consultee for the environmental assessment process (including Environmental Impact Assessment) and many development proposals included those of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
- 1.3.4 The Examining Authority's Rule 6 Letter dated 5 September 2019 (**Procedural Document PD-005**) requested that a Statement of Common Ground be prepared between the Applicant and Historic England to include the 'effects on heritage assets including archaeological effects'.
- 1.3.5 Throughout this SoCG:
- Where a section begins 'matters agreed', this sets out matters that have been specifically agreed between Historic England and Esso
 - Where a section begins 'matters not agreed', this sets out matters that are not agreed between Historic England and Esso.
 - Where a section begins 'matters subject to ongoing discussion', this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between Historic England and Esso.

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 Historic England in respect of the 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 that has been undertaken between Esso and Historic England prior to the submission of the DCO application.

| Date | Format | Topic | Discussion Points |
|------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 04/12/2017 | Letter | Project launch | Esso's Project Executive wrote to Historic England to launch the project. This included a project introduction, map of the current pipeline and a project timeline. |
| 12/12/2017 | Letter | Project launch | Rebecca Lambert, Inspector of Ancient Monuments at Historic England, responded to Esso's letter regarding the project launch. |
| 07/02/2018 | Workshop | Project overview | Attended by Rebecca Lambert, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, with other agencies present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme overview • Environmental constraints • Timescales and future engagement |
| 30/04/2018 | Consultation response | Response to Preferred corridor consultation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor preference • Requirement for further assessment |
| 30/05/2018 | Letter | Preferred corridor announcement | Esso's Project Executive wrote to Historic England to announce the preferred corridor. This included a letter and a brochure. |
| 21/06/2018 | Meeting | Project update | Attended by Rebecca Lambert, Inspector of Ancient Monuments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project update • Approach to assessment • Feedback from Preferred Corridor Consultation |
| 27/06/2018 | Letter | Initial Working Route | Esso's Project Executive wrote to Historic England to provide a project update and introduce the Initial Working Route. |
| 06/08/2018 | Workshop | Scoping | Attended by Rebecca Lambert, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, with other agencies present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project update • Construction techniques • Scoping Report • Non-designated remains |
| 24/08/2018 | Consultation response | Response to Planning Inspectorate Scoping | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments • Undesignated archaeology • Recommendations |

| Date | Format | Topic | Discussion Points |
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| | | consultation | |
| 06/09/2018 | Letter | Launch of Preferred route statutory consultation | Esso's Project Executive wrote to Historic England to launch the Preferred Route Consultation. |
| 01/11/2018 | Consultation response | Response to Preferred Route Consultation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the project • Setting impacts to designated heritage assets • Buried archaeological remains directly related to scheduled monuments |
| 17/01/2019 | Workshop | Project update | <p>Attended by Rebecca Lambert, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, with others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project update • Baseline data • Archaeological potential • Assessment methodology • Mitigation |
| 18/01/2019 | Information sharing | Baseline | Esso issued the Historic Environment Desk Based Survey (Environmental Statement (ES) Appendix 9.1) and Geophysical Survey Report (ES Appendix 9.2) for Historic England to review. |
| 21/01/2019 | Letter | Launch of Design Refinements Consultation | Esso's Project Executive wrote to Historic England to launch the Design Refinements Consultation. |
| 20/02/2019 | Consultation response | Response to Design Refinements Consultation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of designated and undesignated heritage assets in design refinements and hub locations. • Farnborough Hill Conservation Area. • Policy. |

2.2 Engagement Following Submission of Application

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

| Date | Format | Topic | Discussion Points |
|------------|---------|-------------------------------|--|
| 22/08/2019 | Meeting | Response to application, SOCG | Rebecca Lambert, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, met the SLP project team to discuss Historic England's Relevant Representations on the application, and the Statement of Common Ground. |
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3. Matters Agreed

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

3.1.2 Historic England accept the need for the project and agree on the matters below.

| Topic | Matter agreed |
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| Consultee Engagement | That Historic England welcomes the project's proactive and professional approach to engagement and consultation. |
| ES methodology | That the methods, study area and baseline information used for the historic environment desk based assessment are appropriate. |
| Baseline conditions | That the scope and detail of the information on the historic environment included in the application is robust. |
| Geophysical survey | That the use of targeted geophysical surveys to further inform the Historic Environment baseline is appropriate. |
| Heritage assets | <p>That non-designated heritage assets have been considered alongside designated assets, and the impacts to both given careful consideration.</p> <p>That all highly graded designated assets (including military aircraft crash sites, scheduled monuments, Grade I and II* listed buildings, and Registered Parks and Gardens) have been accounted for and included in the baseline data.</p> <p>That the chosen route and infrastructure has been designed to avoid known high value designated heritage assets, and physical impacts to designated heritage assets have been avoided.</p> |
| Policies and legislation | That appropriate relevant national policies and legislation have been included and the proposals demonstrate an awareness of the statutory obligations regarding the historic environment. |
| Consents | That in relation to the assessed effects of the pipeline, no associated heritage consents are required in relation to scheduled monuments. |
| Embedded design measures | That the proposed embedded design measures are appropriate. |
| Good practice and mitigation measures | That the proposed good practice and mitigation identified in the ES, including ES Chapter 9 Historic Environment (APP-049), and within the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC), in ES Chapter 16 (APP-056), |

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| | are appropriate in relation to designated heritage assets or assets/those that may be of equal significance. |
| Archaeological Mitigation Strategy | <p>That Historic England agree with the approaches set out in the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy in ES Appendix 9.5 (APP-113) subject to the inclusion of the additional paragraph:</p> <p>'The project will undertake preliminary metal detecting in areas within Order Limits which are due to be excavated (including trial trenches) that are within 300m of the recorded site of a crash asset. This will be undertaken prior to the excavation and any potential items investigated by the project to determine if they could be of archaeological significance. Further to section 2.4.2 of the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy, an assessment of the significance of the archaeological remains would be made according to the criteria for the selection of important sites, set out in <i>'Military Aircraft Crash Sites, Archaeological guidance on their significance and future management'</i> (English Heritage, 2002). If significant archaeological remains from these crash sites are identified during the metal detecting or further archaeological work, the relevant local authority archaeologists, Historic England and the Ministry of Defense would be consulted in line with section 2.4 of the AMS'.</p> <p>The Applicant will add this paragraph to the next iteration of the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy submitted to the Examining Authority.</p> |
| Residual effects | <p>That Historic England agrees that impacts in relation to setting of designated heritage assets have been identified, and in the majority of cases the impacts will be temporary and in relation to construction activities, rather than longer term operational impacts.</p> <p>The Historic England agrees that any changes in landscape identified as having an impact on designated assets would be able to be mitigated through re-planting and landscape reinstatement as set out in the ES.</p> <p>Historic England supports the conclusion that there would be no residual impacts resulting in significant effects on any <i>designated</i> archaeological remains, <i>designated</i> historic buildings or <i>designated</i> Historic Landscape Types during construction or operation, after the implementation of the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and other good practice and mitigation measures described in the ES.</p> |

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 |
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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 |
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6. Relevant documents and drawings

6.1 List of relevant documents and drawings

The following is a list of documents and drawings upon which this Statement of Common Ground is based.

| Application Reference | Title | Content | Date |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------------|
| EN070005 Document 6.1 | Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary | Overview of the Environmental Statement | 14 May 2019 |
| EN070005 Document 6.2 | Environmental Statement | Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment | 14 May 2019 |
| EN070005 Document 6.3 | Environmental Statement Figures | Illustrative material to support the Environmental Statement | 14 May 2019 |
| EN070005 Document 6.4 | Environmental Statement Appendices | Additional data and evidence to support the Environmental Statement | 14 May 2019 |