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By email only to SouthamptontoLondonPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Southampton to London Pipeline Development Consent Order

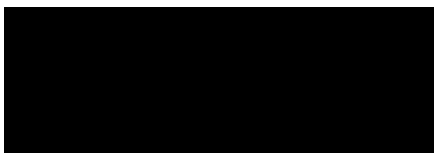
We write to you on behalf of our client QinetiQ in relation to the Southampton to London Pipeline Development Consent Order (**'the DCO'**). QinetiQ are currently in dialogue with Fisher German and Esso to seek agreement relating to the location of the valve compound at its site in Farnborough. We expect that an agreement between QinetiQ and Esso will be reached soon and we will notify the Examiner of the progress made on these arrangements.

A Relevant Representation to the DCO was not made because our client is currently seeking to agree terms for the transfer of land interests and we had hoped that these would be agreed by this time. You have confirmed that QinetiQ are an affected person, as per section 59 of the Planning Act 2008 and as an interested party have an entitlement to participate in the examination and be heard at the issue specific hearings.

We request that you notify us of the examination stages of the DCO. If an agreement is not decided within the inquiry timetable, we ask that QinetiQ are given an opportunity to be heard at the compulsory purchase hearings. We understand that the next set of hearings are scheduled for the week commencing 24 February 2020.

We trust that it will not be necessary to attend the hearings and expect that an agreement can now be settled as soon as possible. However, this is a precautionary measure to ensure that the interests of QinetiQ, as an affected person, are protected.

Yours sincerely



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