

Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Deadline 3

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For the attention of:
Hefin Jones

18 December 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Act 2008. Application by Esso Petroleum Company, Limited for Southampton to London Pipeline
Response of Applicant to Deadline 3**

The Applicant is pleased to enclose our submissions for Deadline 3 as set out in the Rule 8 letter.

In response to the issues raised at the Hearings, the Applicant is seeking to show a clear direction of travel on many key issues and to demonstrate that we have listened to concerns raised by the Examining Authority and Interested Parties to date. This progress is reflected in the submissions at Deadline 3 and will be further evidenced in an updated CoCP and outline documents to be submitted at Deadline 4. These will provide clarity on how construction and mitigation commitments can be implemented in line with the Application and the existing REAC. As part of these submissions the Applicant will provide further detail and additional reassurances to address the concerns raised regarding 'hotspot' areas.

In addition, the Applicant has refined the draft DCO in response to comments, including, for example, a change to working hours and modifying the requirements to reflect the submission of outline plans. Further updates are anticipated following the conclusion of discussions with the Highways Authorities at Deadline 4 over the use of their permit schemes. The Applicant will be engaging in the New Year with the relevant authorities in advance of Deadline 4 on these matters.

In our letter of 24 October 2019, we indicated that we intended to submit our formal application for a change request in respect of the temporary logistics hub sites no later than Deadline 4. We are pleased to be able to make that submission today. Details are set out below.

Deadline 3 documents.

1. Written Summaries of Oral Submissions put at the Oral Hearings

For the Issue Specific Hearing on 27 November 2019 and the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing of the same date, the Applicant's response to the action points arising from the hearing are attached to the written oral summaries.

In the case of the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order, this document also includes an Appendix 1 the Applicant's response to Interested Parties comments on the draft DCO, including those made in the Local Impact Reports.

Given the length of some of the appendices, the responses to the action points arising from the Environment Issue Specific Hearings on 3 & 4 December 2019 are separate documents to the oral summaries.

2. Comments on Written Representations

The Applicant has grouped together, in four separate files, the Applicant's comments on the Written Representations. Because some of the files have multiple appendices it was not possible to prepare a single file.

3. An Updated Guide to the Application

An updated Guide to the Application is provided. The Applicant refers to this as the navigation document.

4. An updated version of the dDCO

An updated version of the draft DCO and the Explanatory Memorandum is provided in clean, tracked and Word versions. A note explaining the changes at Deadline 3 is also provided.

5. An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule

An updated Compulsory Acquisition schedule is provided. At Deadline 2 we provided two schedules and at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing a third was requested. Rather than provide three different schedules with much the same information we have provided a single schedule which the Applicant believes contains all the requested information.

6. Comments on responses to the ExA's Questions

This document contains the Applicant's comments on responses to the ExA's questions.

7. Progressed Statements of Common Ground and an updated Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground.



The Applicant is submitting two additional signed Statements of Common Ground to this Deadline with ESP Utilities Group and South East Water. We have also updated the Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground.

8. **Miscellaneous Drawings**

New drawings to support the response to the actions and comments on Written Representations are also provided. These are Alignment Sheets and Crossing Drawings supplied to assist the response to Action Point 9 following Issue Specific Hearing 3. Updated General Arrangement Plans are also provided to address the same question.

Change Request – Temporary Logistics Hubs

As noted above, the Applicant is now able to submit its formal written request for a change to the number of the temporary logistics hubs required to support the main construction works. The Applicant believes that this change is non-material, but the final decision on this is for the Examining Authority. In summary, the Applicant is seeking to:

- reduce the number of temporary logistics hubs from six to two;
- reduce the size of the remaining two temporary logistics hubs and amend the Order Limits; and
- convert one of the temporary logistics hubs into a smaller construction compound.

Reducing the number and size of the temporary logistics hubs is part of an updated and revised logistics approach. These proposed changes would not alter the purpose of the remaining two temporary logistics hubs, nor would it affect the route of the replacement pipeline as set out in the Application.

The Applicant carried out a public consultation on the proposed change between 5 November 2019 and 13 December 2019. Following the close of consultation the Applicant has considered the responses received.

The change request is set out in the Request for Non-Material Change: Reduction in Temporary Logistics Hubs (**document reference 8.29**)

Finally, the Applicant attaches below a schedule of the documents submitted at Deadline 3. Should you have any queries on any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Schedule of Documents submitted at Deadline 3

Doc No.	Rev No.	Document Title
8.16	1.0	This letter.
8.17		Written Summary of Oral Submissions put at the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order 27 November 2019 (ISH1).
8.18	1.0	Written Summary of Oral submissions at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 27 November 2019.
8.19	1.0	Written Summary of Oral Submissions put at the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters on 3 December 2019 (ISH 2).
8.20	1.0	Response to Action Points from the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters on 3 December 2019 (ISH2).
8.21	1.0	Written Summary of Oral Submissions put at the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters on 4 December 2019 (ISH 3).
8.22	1.0	Response to the Action Points from the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters on 4 December 2019 (ISH 3).
8.23	1.0	Responses to Written Representations – Local Authorities
8.24	1.0	Responses to Written Representations – Other Parties
8.25	1.0	Responses to Written Representations – Statutory Undertakers
8.26	1.0	Responses to Written Representations – Landowners
1.5	4.0	An Updated Guide to the Application/Navigation Document
8.27	1.0	Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions.
3.1	4.0	An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and Word versions.
3.2	4.0	An updated version of the Explanatory Memorandum in clear and tracked versions.
8.28	1.0	Draft DCO Explanation of Changes at Deadline 3
8.9	2.0	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule at Deadline 3
8.4.07	2.0	Signed SOCG with South East Water
8.4.14	2.0	Signed SOCG with ESP Utilities Group
8.8	2.0	A Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground
8.29	1.0	Change Request – Temporary Logistics Hubs.
8.30	1.0	Alignment Sheets (narrow working) (1 of 3)
8.30	1.0	Alignment Sheets (narrow working) (2 of 3)
8.30	1.0	Alignment Sheets (narrow working) (3 of 3)
8.31	1.0	Crossing Drawings
2.6	3.0	General Arrangement Plans (1 of 3)
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