



FARNBOROUGH HILL
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ESSO SLP – Queen Elizabeth Park Residents Objections

Dear Mr Jones

Following a telephone conversation with the Esso team I was advised to write to you to detail Farnborough Hill's position with respect to the above. Firstly I would like to clarify comments made by Mr Jarman at the hearing 3 December 2019 in which he stated that Farnborough Hill is a 'willing host' in order to enable the underground bore method under the park. I have had only brief communication with the group when I stated that the School 'would be willing to consider assisting in this area if it was deemed to be workable'.

Following discussions with Esso/Fisher German the Schools position remains the same. Whilst we are anxious to help where we can we do have particular concerns about the disruption that may be caused to the operation of the School and the removal of three incredibly impressive and historic trees. I believe that before the School further considers these plans an independent and objective assessment needs to take place to assess the environmental and historic loss to both areas with respect to both methods. Esso/Fisher German were unable to state the number of trees that would need to be taken down in the park but did allude to the fact that it might not be as many as was being assumed. If this is the case then an assessment as to which of the two methods is least damaging, environmentally and historically, is, I believe, vital.

Yours sincerely

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