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The Examining Authority (Esso Southampton to London Pipeline) National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
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Dear Sirs,

Ref: EN070005 - SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**ESSO PETROLEUM LIMITED - DCO APPLICATION FOR THE SOUTHAMPTON TO LONDON
PIPELINE PROJECT:**

**UPDATE ON THE PRODUCTION OF STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN RUNNYMEDE
BOROUGH COUNCIL AND THE APPLICANT**

Further to the list of documents requested for submission by Deadline 4 (30 January 2020) of the current DCO examination, I am writing on behalf of Runnymede Borough Council ("Council") to provide an update regarding the initial Statements of Common Ground ("SoCG").

A number of items from the SoCG remain as 'Matters Subject to On-going Discussion'. For the most part these relate to the clarification of working methodologies and constraints, etc.

The Council met with Esso on 17 January 2020 - where Esso shared their outline response to Ex A's request for CEMP, LEMP, CTMP, CMS and Site-Specific Plans at Deadline 4.

Having listened to Esso's proposal, the Council are hopeful that these documents will provide the clarity and assurance required to reach agreement on the SoCG in advance of Deadline 5 and if not as soon as practicable thereafter. The Council therefore reserves its position pending receipt of the documents from Esso and having had the opportunity to check that they reflect what was presented to officers at the meeting on 17 January.

For the avoidance of doubt, no updated SoCG between Esso and Runnymede Borough Council has been submitted for Deadline 4.

Yours faithfully,


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