

# Southampton to London Pipeline Project 30 January 2020

### **Response to Deadline 3 Submissions**

#### Introduction

Surrey County Council has reviewed the documents submitted at Deadline 3. This document gives some comments on the following topics:

- Archaeology
- Land and Property
- Minerals and Waste
- Traffic

## **Archaeology**

8.23 – Responses to written representations – local authorities (archaeology p.45) – The information regarding discussions to date is an accurate reflection of the process so far. Following this update, a list of land-parcel specific questions was sent by SCC on the 16/12/2019, and a meeting to discuss these subsequently took place on the 09/01/2020. Once the documentation (updated Archaeological Mitigation Strategy / Written Scheme of Investigation) is updated/produced in line with these discussions, we will be in a position to agree these for the phase 1 evaluation works.

8.27 – Comments on responses to ExA's written questions (Archaeological mitigation, p.65) – The response refers to "Appendix 1 of the Applicant's summary of the draft DCO Issue Specific Hearing which took place on Wednesday 27 November 2019 for comments on the suggested requirements." I have been unable to locate this document online, however I did locate a later draft DCO which appears to provide an acceptable wording.

# **Land and Property**

8.27 - Comments on Responses to ExA's Written Questions - A meeting with the Club was held on 6 January 2020, with a follow up meeting on 17 January. Esso agreed to investigate the possibility of providing some mitigation/security around Esso's commitments to protecting the Clubs interests. Some progress was made on satisfying Abbey Rangers. Still outstanding are the issues of enabling the tournament to take place in July and committing to having the first team pitch back by 1 August and the remainder by 1 September. Esso has suggested that if this couldn't be achieved then it

would cover the costs in souring alternatives. It is the Club's view that suitable alternatives are not likely to be found at short notice and therefore this provides little comfort to the Club.

8.23 - Responses to Written Representations - Local Authorities - Abbey Rangers remains the key concern, though details still need to be agreed in securing a fully supported owner/occupier position, to include:

- Abbey Rangers discussions ongoing
- Abbey Moor Golf Agreement in principle with details provided to date, though detail still
  to be confirmed between Wescom/Esso for inclusion in the Option to Terms & Deed
  negotiations.
- Chertsey School/Philip Southcote School/Clarendon School Minor details to be captured (Philip Southcote/Chertsey Schools), though Clarendon commitments (not yet presented) will need to be agreed.

8.22 - Response to Action Points from the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters held on 4 December 2019 (ISH3) –

- The commitment statement recently provided to Abbey Rangers by Esso (06/01/2020) stipulates the 1st team pitch is back to standard for the 1st August in the year the works are undertaken. There are no details on a contingency should this commitment not be met. Securing suitable alternative arrangements at short notice is viewed as a significant risk and concern to the Club. There have also been discussions about making temporary alterations to the recently constructed 3G pitch, to perhaps cover any shortfall, though the details have not been fully researched in terms what is acceptable to the FA, what elements may require a planning consideration and who will be responsible for implementing it. Either way, the Club's view is that these issues cannot be left unaddressed in case the commitment to return the pitch back by the 1 August fails to materialise.
- Chertsey High School noted, follow up discussion with the school representative.
- Philip Southcote School Works here affect only a small portion of the playing field and are
  not likely to give an issue, providing that suitable fencing is installed and safeguarding is not
  compromised.
- Clarendon School Further details are required about how the access and works within the order of limits will be managed. The issues are:
  - Out of term working/access to school premises for out of term clubs
  - Continued safeguarding separation of works, staff-parents-children.

# **Minerals and Waste**

8.23 - Responses to Written Representations - Local Authorities

No further comments in respect of Homers Farm (p68), as the applicant has stated that 'The project has made a representation on this application making no objection and recommending the imposition of an informative on any consent that may be granted regarding liaison with the project in respect of the timing of work.'

SCC support such an informative.

#### Traffic

Submission no 14 - Highways England - SCC agrees that CTMP should be a certified document.

Submission no 19 – Runnymede Borough Council - SCC has agreed proposed additional DCO ref 'working hours' with Hants CC and is seeking agreement on this additional wording with Surrey's Districts/Boroughs Environmental Health Departments. Additional wording relates to extension of working hours in circumstances where it is agreed that extended working hours would be prudent to shorten overall works duration at a given location, if impact on traffic flows is unacceptable on key routes.

Submission no 27 - Savills obo Spelthorne, Surrey Heath and Runnymede BCs - SCC supports the principle of a generic CMS to improve understanding of impacts of the pipeline construction in various scenarios/locations. With specific regard to the concerns expressed over problems with access to local amenities, due to the proposed closure of Balmoral Drive, SCC has subsequently agreed with the applicant that whilst we feel a road closure of Balmoral Drive would generate least disruption to the Traffic Flows along Frimley Green Road, the works in Balmoral Drive can be completed under Temporary Traffic Signals Traffic Management measures as opposed a road closure.

- 8.27 Comments on Responses to ExA's Written Questions Agreement has been reached between SCC/HCC and the applicant on adoption of Permit Scheme operation, with some caveats, which will be reflected in revised DCO content. SCC has met with the applicant and agreed the format/content of the Outline CTMP to follow.
- 8.23 Responses to Written Representations Local Authorities Outline agreement has been reached between SCC and the applicant on use of the Surrey Permit Scheme and this will be reflected in subsequent DCO versions.
- 8.22 Response to Action Points from the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters held on 4 December 2019 (ISH3) SCC has now agreed with the applicant that there will not be a requirement to close Balmoral Drive and that works can be completed under Temporary Traffic Signals.