

Southampton to London Pipeline Project

2 April 2020 Final

Deadline 7 Submission 2 April 2020

Protective Provisions, Permit Scheme, Comments on Deadline 6 submissions

Dear Sir/Madam,

Surrey County Council has had the opportunity to review the Examining Authority's recommended changes to the applicant's draft Development Consent Order, and those submissions of relevance made at Deadline 6.

We can confirm that we are content with the recommended changes as tabled. Although the County Council put forward a different view at the last Hearing, we are content that the detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan(s) will now be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority, following consultation with the relevant highway authority.

We also endorse the changes made by the applicant to the draft DCO at Deadline 6, relating to the use of the permit schemes, (Article 9) which is now considered to be much clearer, with the limitations reflecting discussions with the applicant. We note that Article 35 has been accordingly corrected following the new wording in Article 9 and reverted back to its original purpose.

With respect to the protective provisions to be added in at Schedule 9, new Part 5 we confirm that we are content with the proposed wording, subject to the recent revisions agreed with Esso since Deadline 6. Provided that the wording agreed between ourselves and Esso is set out in the updated draft DCO, we consent to the disapplication of section 23 (prohibitions on obstructions etc. in watercourses) of the Land Drainage Act 1991 as set out in Article 35 of the draft DCO.

In addition, we have reviewed the latest version of the Outline Surface Water and Foul Water Drainage Plan and still have some issues with this document, which we have fed back to Esso. We will let you know when we have reached agreement on this issue.

Lastly, we have no comments to make on any of the other documents submitted at Deadlines 6 or 6a.

We trust that the above is of assistance to the Examining Authority as the Examination reaches its conclusion.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Smith
Surrey County Council