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FAO Gareth Leigh

Dear Mr Leigh

**Application by Esso Petroleum Company Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Southampton to London Pipeline Project and associated infrastructure (“the Pipeline Project”),**  
**Reference: EN070005**

**Response to Secretary of State's request for Information – Affinity Water Limited**

We write further to your letter on behalf of the Secretary of State dated 5 August 2020 requesting information regarding the status of any negotiations in relation to the Protective Provisions (paragraph 10 of your letter).

The parties are yet to enter into any form of voluntary agreement. Since Burges Salmon's Letter on 10 July 2020, Affinity Water Limited has continued to liaise with the Applicant in relation to moving forward such an agreement, however the agreement has not progressed and cannot be completed. The last correspondence between the parties was an email from Affinity Water Limited on 14 August to the Applicant seeking to progress the voluntary agreement, to which we have had no response. The Applicant has not sought to discuss the contents of the 10 July 2020 letter with Affinity Water Limited. We have not been provided with any substantive response from the Applicant to Affinity's request for amendments to the Protective Provisions, and we have not received any comments on the drafting sought by Affinity from the Applicant. Negotiations in relation to Protective Provisions are therefore no further forward.

Affinity Water Limited accordingly maintains its request for amendments to the Protective Provisions as set out in Burges Salmon's Letter on 10 July 2020 in full as no substantive process has been made on the negotiated agreement since 10 July 2020.

Your sincerely

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