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24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Mr Jones,

**Surrey Heath Borough Council's Adequacy of Consultation Representation for the application by Esso Petroleum Company Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Southampton to London Pipeline Project.**

Thank you for your email of 14<sup>th</sup> May inviting our representation on Esso Petroleum Company Limited's adequacy of consultation in relation to the Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

We have reviewed the Esso Petroleum Company Limited's Consultation Report and is our view that the application for an Order Granting Development Consent complies with the duty to consult (section 42 of the Planning Act 2008), the duty to consult the local community (Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008) and the duty to publicise (Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008). We have reached this conclusion due to the following reasons:

- Esso Petroleum Company Limited prepared a Statement of Community Consultation and a Commitment to Community Consultation setting out their proposal for consulting residents within the vicinity of the replacement pipeline. They sought our views on the statement in July 2018 and we consider that they had regard to the response that we provided. As a result of our response we thought that our residents would be well involved and consulted during the pre-application stage. Esso Petroleum Company Limited's Statement was well publicised on their website and in local newspapers. We consider that they have carried out their consultations in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.
- Esso set a deadline for the receipt of our response to the draft Statement of Consultation of at least 28 days, in compliance with legislative requirements.
- Regarding publicity, we consider that Esso Petroleum Company Limited publicised the application in the prescribed manner and that they included an appropriate deadline for receipt of responses to the publicity.

We note that at this stage you are not seeking our views on the merits of the application and that we will have an opportunity to make representations at a later stage.

Yours sincerely,

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