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Sent by email only

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Please quote 18/02021/NSIP on all
correspondence

Dear Sir

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 55

Applicant: Esso Petroleum Company Limited

Proposal: Development Consent Order for the Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

Subject: Adequacy of Consultation Request

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 May 2019 which indicates that the above application has been submitted and that you are seeking confirmation that the applicant has complied with the following under the Planning Act (as amended):

Duty to consult – section 42

Duty to consult the local community – section 47

Duty to publicise—section 48

Winchester City Council (WCC) is one of the host authorities associated with this project.

Whilst the pipeline runs for a distance of some 18 km within the administrative area of WCC, a large part of that falls within the South Downs National Park boundary. As a consequence, the section of the pipeline that falls outside the SDNP boundary for which WCC is the local planning authority is limited in extent to that section where it enters the district from Eastleigh up to the Winchester road (B2177) west of Bishops Waltham. This is a distance of approximately 4 km. The other element of the scheme that falls within the jurisdiction of WCC is the area north of the A31 west of Ropley Dean where the applicant intends to form a temporary logistics hub. The following comments are focused on the exercise of the above duties within these two areas.



I have reviewed the submitted documents and specifically the Consultation Report (Application Document 5.1 dated May 2019)

Duty to Consult- Section 42

Esso first approached Winchester City Council in December 2017. Since that date there have been multiple contacts by email, meetings and at formal consultation stages. Through these opportunities the views of the district council have been offered and points of clarification obtained.

In the further consultation exercise undertaken in January-February 2019 that related to the detail revisions and the introduction of the logistics hubs Esso engaged with Winchester City Council relating to the hub site off the A31 at Ropley Dean. This was firstly at a joint meeting, then through the additional consultation exercise and then by email.

Winchester City Council has no concerns in relation to the duty to consult as set out in Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

Duty to consult local community – Section 47

Winchester City Council was consulted on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

In the further consultation exercise undertaken in January-February 2019 that related to the detail revision and the introduction of the logistics hubs Esso engaged with the relevant Parish Council (Bishops Sutton PC) and residents surrounding the hub site off the A31 at Ropley Dean.

Given the fact that the eastern boundary of the logistical hub site also forms part of the district boundary then there is the potential for impacts to spill over the boundary. Clarification has been sought from Esso on the degree of consultations to the east. However, in view of the limited timetable within which WCC is obliged to comment, this response has been sent off before that information was received. If a reply is forthcoming it will be forwarded on to you.

With regard to the actions within its own administrative area, Winchester City Council has no concerns in relation to the consultation process as set out in Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Duty to publicise – Section 48

Winchester City Council has no comment to make on the applicants compliance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

Conclusion

Overall, Winchester City Council considers that the applicant has complied with its duties under Sections 42, 47 &48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Officer, Mr Stephen Cornwell on 01962 848 485.

Yours faithfully

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