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Dear Mr Jones

RE: Application by Esso Petroleum Company Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Southampton to London Pipeline Project

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The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has received an application from the Highways Agency for the proposed Development Consent Order of the Southampton to London Pipline Project.

The Council has been given until Monday 28th May 2019 to respond to PINS under this consultation. As part of its duty under this consultation, PINS has provided the Council with a copy of the developers 'Consultation Report' which details how Esso has complied with the procedures of the Planning Act 2008 relating to consultation and publicity. The content of the report has been assessed and response provided below. This letter will form the Councils response to PINS.

Duty to consult (Section 42 of the Act)

The applicant is considered to have complied with its duty under Section 42 of the Act. Sub section (d) of section 42 requires Esso to consult each person set out in section 44. These would include amongst others owners, lesses, tenants or occupiers of land. Esso has provided details of how they have complied with subsection (d) and the council considers that they have accorded with the provision.

In view of the above it is considered in the Councils opinion that the developer's duty to consult under Section 42 has been carried out.

Duty to consult the local community (Section 47 of the Act)

In accordance with Section 47 of the Act, the Highways Agency prepared a statement of how it proposes to consult about the proposed application with the people living in the vicinity of the land. This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) provided details of the consultation methodology.

The Council was consulted on the content of the 30th April 2019 to which details of a case officer were provided as a main point of contact in anticipation of the submission of the Development Consent Order Application.

The SoCC was printed in numerous national newspapers and therefore has complied with Section (6)(a) of Section 47 of the Act.

Duty to publicise (Section 48 of the Act)

Section 1.6.2 of the Consultation Report details how Esso has complied with Section 48 of the Act. Esso published a section 48 notice (combined with the SoCC notice) at the launch of the statutory preferred route consultation in the prescribed manner and as stated about the SoCC has been advertised in numerous national newspapers. In principle the applicants are considered to have complied with Section 48 of the Act.

Comments:

Following the initial consultation brought forward by Esso the Council appointed a Case Officer to assess the submitted consultation report. The Case Officer confirmed that the planned route for the replacement pipeline does not enter the London Borough of Hillingdon however the existing receptor which is based in the London Borough of Hounslow is sited within a neighbouring borough which could bring about concerns relating to highway impacts. In the absence of a construction management plan the Hillingdon Local Planning Authority is unable to provide adequate comments relating to the possible impacts to the highway network. Taking into consideration the other major infrastructure projects within Hillingdon, all construction traffic should be diverted away from the Hillingdon Borough boundary.

With regards

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