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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN070005

Date: 05 September 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 6

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

Notice of appointment of the Examining Authority and date, time and place of the Preliminary Meeting

I write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State as the lead member of a panel who will be the Examining Authority (the ExA) to carry out an Examination of the above application. I am Richard Allen and the other members of the ExA are Kevin Gleeson, Joanna Dowling and David Brock. A copy of the appointment notice can be viewed in the 'documents' tab of the project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/southampton-to-london-pipeline-project/?ipcsection=docs>.

We would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted us when preparing our proposals regarding how to examine this application.

Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the Examination procedure. It contains a number of important supporting annexes.

Date of meeting: Wednesday 9 October 2019

Seating available from: 09:30

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>



Meeting begins: 10:00

Venue: Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre (access via Gate A), Transport Road, Farnborough, GU14 6XE

Access and parking: Parking is free of charge at the site (access via Gate A above). There are also four train stations nearby - Farnborough Main, Farnborough North, North Camp and Aldershot. All stations are a short taxi ride from the venue.

Note: Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email wherever possible as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the Inspectorate as a government agency. If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please confirm this with the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter, as soon as possible.

Whilst we are aware that this venue may be some distance from those that have registered their interest in the project, during the course of the Examination we will consider holding Hearings at different venues along the route of the proposed scheme if required.

Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to us about the way in which the application is to be examined. At this stage the ExA is looking at the procedure and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts; which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed.

With a linear scheme of this length it is extremely difficult to find a venue to suit all parties. We have sought to host the Preliminary Meeting at a venue which is roughly half way along the route of the Proposed Development and has the necessary facilities for the meeting. For those who are unable to attend the meeting a full written note and an audio recording of the proceedings will be published on the project page¹.

We wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, we strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is at **Annex A**. This has been set following our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues arising from our reading of the application documents and the Relevant Representations received. That assessment is set out in **Annex B**. As a result of this assessment we wish to hear at the meeting from the Applicant, Interested Parties, Statutory Parties, Local Authorities and National Park Authorities

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/southampton-to-london-pipeline-project/?ipcsection=overview>.

where they consider changes may be needed to the draft Examination Timetable set out in **Annex C**.

Up-to-date information about the project and the Examination can be obtained from:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/southampton-to-london-pipeline-project/?ipcsection=overview>.

This is the address for the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website, from which the Planning Inspectorate will make copies of all Examination Documents available to the public. As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with this resource.

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please contact the Case Manager, Mr Hefin Jones, using the details set out at the top of this letter. Please confirm this **no later than Thursday 19 September 2019**. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation/group please confirm how many attendees will be present. This will enable us to ensure appropriate seating is allocated.

If a large number of attendees confirm their attendance it may be necessary to publish a seating plan on the project page of our website around a week before the Preliminary Meeting.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if as part of the above confirmation you also:

- tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, Hearing loop etc).

The Preliminary Meeting provides a useful introduction to the Examination process. We will use it to make Procedural Decisions that will affect everyone participating in the Examination. The meeting provides you with an opportunity to have your say about procedural issues before these decisions are finalised. If you intend to play an active part in the Examination or you have questions about procedure it is useful to attend the meeting.

However, please note that **you are not required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination**. If you are an Interested Party you will still be able to make a Written Representation and comments on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties. You will also be able to participate in any Hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Team of this in writing.

After the Preliminary Meeting

After the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the finalised Examination Timetable. An audio recording and a note of the meeting will also be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Interested Parties have the right to request an Open Floor Hearing and those persons affected by any request for Compulsory Acquisition or Temporary Possession of their land or rights may request a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. Any other Issue Specific Hearings are held at the discretion of the ExA and will be arranged if we feel that consideration of oral representations would ensure an issue is adequately examined. Our Examination will comprise of Written Representations about the proposal and oral representations made at any Hearings, in addition to consideration of the application documents, policy and legal positions, site inspections and any other matters we consider to be relevant and important.

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when we make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy who will take the final decision in this case.

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

We have made some further Procedural Decisions which are set out in full at **Annex E**. These are:

- requests for Statements of Common Ground;
- requests for update Guide to the Application at regular intervals;
- request for the Local Impact Reports **by no later than Deadline 1**; and
- acceptance of Additional Submissions into the Examination.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

If your reference number begins with '2001', '2002', 'SLP-AFP' or 'SLP-s57' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'SLP-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'SLP-OP' you are in Group C.

If having read the FAQ document published at the link above you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Award of costs

We also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance 'Awards of costs; examinations of applications for development consent orders' which applies to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. This guidance is available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/>

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate, is published at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/southampton-to-london-pipeline-project/?ipcsection=overview>

All Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, we consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Richard Allen

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- B** Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
- C** Draft Examination Timetable
- D** Availability of Examination Documents
- E** Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

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Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date:	Wednesday 9 October 2019
Seating available from:	09:30
Meeting start time:	10:00
Venue:	Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre (access via Gate A), Transport Road, Farnborough, GU14 6XE

9.30am	Seating available
Item 1 (10.00am)	Welcome and introductions
Item 2	The Examining Authority's (ExA's) remarks about the Examination process
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues – see Annex B
Item 4	Procedural Decisions taken by the ExA – see Annex E Any remaining submissions regarding procedural matters not set out in the agenda that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.
Item 5	Draft Timetable for the Examination – see Annex C Deadlines for submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Representations • Local Impact Reports • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions • Statements of Common Ground • Notifications relating to Hearings • Procedural requests relating to these items that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting
Item 6	Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of ASI to application site and surrounding area • Date of Issue Specific Hearing on draft Development Consent Order • Dates reserved for Open Floor Hearing(s) • Time period reserved for Issue Specific Hearings • Time period reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Procedural requests relating to these items that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting
Item 7	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

Please note: Please be available from the start and throughout the meeting. The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time the ExA may change the order of the agenda items and may introduce breaks in the proceedings.

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the Initial Assessment of the Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). This initial assessment has had regard to consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and of Relevant Representations received in respect of the application.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy after the Examination has concluded.

The order of the issues listed does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance, they have been listed alphabetically.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not set out as separate Principal Issues.

It should be noted that a number of the Principal Issues set out below have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the Examination.

It should also be noted that:

- whilst the effects of the proposal on the achievement of sustainable development including the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change are not listed as specific Principal Issues; and
- whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as specific Principal Issues;

the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these objectives in mind.

1	<p>Biodiversity and Habitats Regulations Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications for European and international sites and their qualifying features, including in-combination assessment; • Effects on other designated sites and their qualifying features; • Effects on protected species and species of conservation concern; • Effects on protected habitats and habitats of conservation concern including ancient woodland, other woodland, trees and hedgerows; • Effects on groundwater dependent ecosystems; • Mitigation and monitoring, including whether the proposed development should
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		result in biodiversity net gain and/or ecological enhancements.
2	Compulsory Acquisition/Temporary Possession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need and the amount of the land proposed to be subject to Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession; • Alternatives in relation to individual plots; • The requirement for the powers sought and the need to establish a compelling case in the public interest; • The position and/or effects of Statutory Undertakers and protected provisions and whether the tests of s127 and s138 of the PA2008 are satisfied; • The adequacy and security of funding for compensation; • Whether the proposals meet the requirements of PA2008 in all other respects.
3	Construction Effects on People and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise and vibration including the management of and monitoring of effects; • Dust pollution including the management of and monitoring of effects; • Effects associated with the logistics hubs; • Effects on existing utilities and assets; • Effects on green space and other amenity land; • Effects on business, agriculture, and social/community facilities.
4	Draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of the draft DCO; • The appropriateness of the proposed provisions; • The relationship with other consents; • Whether the dDCO is satisfactory in all other respects.
5	Flood Risk, Water Resources and Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects on groundwater, water courses and water bodies; • Effects on Source Protection Zones; • Effects on existing/planned flood storage areas and flood alleviation schemes including the integrity of the Cove Brook Reservoir; • Effects on groundwater and land contamination; • Effects on soil quality and drainage on agriculture use, soil management, quality of reinstatement and other future land use matters;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effectiveness of the Flood Risk Assessment, in particular the assessment of temporary construction development; • The effectiveness of mitigation measures; • Compliance with the Water Framework Directive.
6	Historic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether further archaeological investigation is required to understand potential significant deposits; • The effectiveness of mitigation measures.
7	Landscape and Visual Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effects on the landscape character and landscape designations; • Effect on South Downs National Park, including from above ground infrastructure; • Long term and short-term visual effects particularly of temporary construction compounds; • Effect on trees including protected, notable and veteran trees and ancient woodlands; • The extent of mitigation to protect Ancient Woodlands and protected trees and replacement planting.
8	Operational Effects on Security and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the proposed pipeline appropriately addresses safety and security considerations in line with National Policy Statement EN-1.
9	Scope of Development and Environmental Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parameters and description of the Proposed Development; • Adequacy of surveys and baseline data, the approach to flexibility and definitions of the significance of impacts in the Environmental Statement; • Exploration of reasonable alternatives relevant to the Proposed Development particularly concerning route selection; • The effectiveness of mitigation measures including the content of the Construction and Environmental Management Plan, the Code of Construction Practice and the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments; • Whether all other necessary consents and licences have been considered; • The approach to decommissioning/removal of the existing pipeline; • The approach to decommissioning of the proposed pipeline;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative and in-combination effects on, and with, other major projects and proposals.
10	Traffic and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects on local road network and roads in residential areas including access, congestion and disruption and to community and emergency services; • Effects on the strategic road network; • Effects on public rights of way/non-motorised user routes; • The effectiveness of mitigation measures.

Draft Examination Timetable

The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at Hearings.

Matters	Due Dates
<p>Preliminary Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 9 October 2019 (10.00)</p>
<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable <p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Written Questions 	<p>As soon as practicable after the Preliminary Meeting</p>
<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH); • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH); • Notification of wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI); • Submission of suggested locations / sites for the ExA to include as part of the ASI including the issues to be observed there, information on whether the site can be accessed on public land and reasoning for each nominated site; • Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI; • Responses to Relevant Representations; 	<p>Thursday 24 October 2019</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's s51 advice (see Annex E); • Local Impact Reports (LIR) from Local Authorities. 	
<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Hearings to be held during the weeks commencing 25 November & 2 December 2019; • Notification of time and meeting point for Accompanied Site Inspection. 	<p>Monday 28 October 2019</p>
<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions; • Written Representations (WRs); • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words; • Comments on LIR(s); • Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA (see Annex E); • An updated Guide to the Application; • The updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean, tracked and word versions; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules¹. 	<p>Thursday 14 November 2019</p>
<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s); • Any Issue Specific Hearing(s); • Any Open Floor Hearing(s); • An Accompanied Site Inspection. 	<p>Weeks commencing 25 November 2019 and 2 December 2019</p>
<p>Deadline 3</p>	<p>Wednesday 11 December 2019</p>

¹ The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any Hearings held during the weeks commencing 25 November and 2 December 2019; • Comments on Written Representations; • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 2; • Progressed Statements of Common Ground; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	
<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Further Written Questions (FWQ) (if required). <p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Hearings to be held during the week commencing 24 February 2020 (if required). 	<p>Monday 13 January 2020</p>
<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's FWQ (if published); • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3; • Progressed Statements of Common Ground; 	<p>Thursday 30 January 2020</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	
<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses to the ExA's FWQ (if published); An updated Guide to the Application; An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 4; Progressed Statements of Common Ground; Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	<p>Thursday 13 February 2020</p>
<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required); Any Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required); Any Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required); A further Accompanied Site Inspection (if required). 	<p>Week commencing 24 February 2020</p>
<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written summaries of oral submissions put at any Hearings held during the week commencing 17 February 2020; An updated Guide to the Application; An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 5; Finalised Statements of Common Ground; 	<p>Thursday 5 March 2020</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed and dated s106 Agreement; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	
<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required); • The ExA's dDCO (if required); • Any requests for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). 	<p>Thursday 12 March 2020</p>
<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES (if required); • Comments on the ExA's dDCO (if required); • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required); • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 6. 	<p>Thursday 2 April 2020</p>
<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.</p>	<p>Thursday 9 April 2020</p>

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the 'Documents' tab on the project webpage. Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/southampton-to-london-pipeline-project/?ipcsection=docs>.

Hearing agendas

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings the ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the Hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

For Open Floor Hearings agendas will not be published unless, in consideration of the number of participants notified to the Planning Inspectorate, the ExA decides that establishing a running order will facilitate the process on the day.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/southampton-to-london-pipeline-project/>.

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published at the above location.

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the following locations. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification to use a computer at these locations.

Electronic deposit locations

Local authority	Library/ address	Opening hours
Hampshire County Council	Alton Library - Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT	Monday: 9:30am – 5 pm Tuesday: 9:30am – 5 pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 1pm Thursday: 9:30am – 7pm Friday: 9:30am – 5 pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5 pm Sunday: CLOSED Free Computer Access to library members only, no ID required to join.

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Hampshire County Council	Bishop's Waltham Library - Free Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1EE	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 2pm – 7pm Wednesday: 10am – 5pm Thursday: CLOSED Friday: 10am – 5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 1pm Sunday: CLOSED Free Computer Access to library members only, no ID required to join.
Hampshire County Council	Farnborough Library - Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough, GU14 7JZ	Monday: 9:30am – 7pm Tuesday: 9:30am – 6pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 6pm Thursday: 9:30am – 6pm Friday: 9:30am – 6pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm Sunday: CLOSED Free Computer Access to library members only, no ID required to join.
Surrey County Council	Addlestone Library - Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AF	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 9:30am – 5pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5pm Thursday: 9:30am – 5pm Friday: 9:30am – 5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm Sunday: CLOSED
Kent County Council	Ashford Library - Church Road, Ashford TW15 2XB	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 9:30am – 5pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5pm Thursday: 9:30am – 5pm Friday: 9:30am – 5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm Sunday: CLOSED
Surrey County Council	Chertsey Library - Guildford Street, Chertsey, KT16 9BE	Monday: 2pm – 5pm Tuesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Friday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 4pm Sunday: CLOSED

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Surrey County Council	Frimley Green Library – Beech Road, Frimley Green, Camberley GU16 6LQ	Monday: 1pm – 5pm Tuesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Friday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Surrey County Council	Guildford Library – 77 North Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4AL	Monday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday: 9:30am – 7pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Thursday: 9:30am – 7pm Friday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm Sunday: Closed
Surrey County Council	Lightwater Library – 83A Guildford Road, Lightwater GU18 5SB	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Wednesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Thursday: CLOSED Friday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 1pm Sunday - CLOSED
Surrey County Council	Shepperton Library - High Street, Shepperton, TW17 9AU	Monday: 2pm – 5pm Tuesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Friday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Surrey County Council	Staines Library - Friends Walk, Staines, TW18 4PG	Monday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday: 9:30am – 7pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Thursday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Friday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm Sunday: CLOSED

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Surrey County Council	Stanwell Library - Library, Hadrian Way, Stanwell, Staines, TW19 7HF	Monday: 2pm – 5pm Tuesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Friday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 4am Sunday: CLOSED
Surrey County Council	Weybridge Library - Church Street, Weybridge, KT13 8DE	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 9:30am – 5pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5pm Thursday: 9:30am – 5pm Friday: 9:30am – 5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm Sunday: CLOSED

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

The ExA has made the following Procedural Decisions under Section 89(3) of the PA2008:

1. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the Principal Issues identified in **Annex B**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCG between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex C** therefore provides a deadline for submission of initial and finalised SoCG. The deadline for initial SoCG is **Deadline 2** on 14 November 2019 and the deadline for finalised SoCG is **Deadline 6** on 5 March 2020.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the Examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties, and submitted by the Applicant.

SoCG are requested to be prepared between the Applicant and:

A. **The Applicant and the Environment Agency** to include:

- Development Consent Order;
- Water environment effects, including flood risk and effects on flood alleviation and storage schemes, watercourses and waterbodies, and drainage matters;
- The Applicant's Flood Risk Assessment;
- Compliance with the Water Framework Directive;
- Biodiversity and fisheries, including biodiversity net gain;
- Land contamination and groundwater, including source protection zones, groundwater dependent ecosystems, and existing landfill
- Waste management;
- Environmental permits, consents and licences; and
- Mitigation, risk management and enhancement measures, including Construction Environmental Management Plan / Code of Construction Practice / Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments.

B. **The Applicant and each of the following: the Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust** to include:

- The effects on locally managed wildlife sites;
- Any mitigation including wider integration issues;
- The incorporation of wildlife opportunities in the proposal.

C. The Applicant and Natural England to include:

- Development Consent Order;
- Ecology, habitats and nature conservation including issues related to:
 - i. The Applicant's Habitats Regulations Assessment report and effects on European sites and features;
 - ii. The effects on protected species and habitats;
 - iii. Mitigation measures and enhancements, including likely effectiveness of mitigation, monitoring procedures, how mitigation will be secured within the DCO, and the content of the Construction Environmental Management Plan / Code of Construction Practice / Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments
- Air quality;
- Landscape; and
- Water quality.

D. The Applicant and each of the following: Affinity Water; Portsmouth Water; South East Water; Southern Water and Thames Water to include:

- The effects on existing apparatus and infrastructure;
- Water environment effects including flooding effects and risks and drainage matters;
- Water quality; and
- Protective Provisions.

E. The Applicant and the Basingstoke Canal Authority to include:

- The effects on the Basingstoke Canal.

F. The Applicant and each of the following: National Grid; UK Power Networks; Southern Gas Networks; Scottish & Southern Electric; ES Pipelines; CLH Pipelines; Cadent Gas to include:

- Impact on existing apparatus;
- Any connection issues; and
- Protective Provisions.

G. The Applicant and Network Rail to include:

- The effect on railway infrastructure and services; and
- Protective Provisions.

H. The Applicant and Historic England to include:

- The effects on heritage assets including archaeological effects.

I. The Applicant and Highways England to include:

- The effects on the highway network from construction and operational phases.

J. **The Applicant and the Forestry Commission** to include:

- The effect on woodlands

K. **The Applicant and the Health and Safety Executive** to include:

- The extent and severity of hazards on local populations;
- Other issues related to the interests of the HSE.

L. **The Applicant and the Internal Drainage Boards** to include:

- Drainage matters and water resources;
- Protective Provisions.

M. **The Applicant and each of the following: East Hampshire District Council; Eastleigh Borough Council; Hampshire County Council; Hart District Council; London Borough of Hounslow; Runnymede Borough Council; Rushmoor Borough Council; South Downs National Park Authority; Spelthorne Borough Council; Surrey County Council; Surrey Heath Borough Council; and Winchester City Council** to include:

- Planning policy;
- The Need and Principle of the Proposed Development and Examination of Alternative Routes;
- Biodiversity;
- Construction Effects on People and Communities;
- The Draft Development Consent Order;
- Flooding and Water;
- Historic Environment;
- Landscape and visual impacts;
- Security and Safety;
- Highways and transport;
- Noise, air quality and disturbance during construction;
- Construction Environmental Management Plan / Code of Construction Practice / Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments.

The SoCG should cover the following topics where relevant:

- Methodology for Environmental Impact Assessment including assessment of cumulative effects
- Data collection methods
- Baseline data
- Data/ statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecast methodologies)
- Full expression of expert judgements and assumptions
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact
- Likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose
- Feasible and deliverable mitigation and method for securing such mitigation within the Development Consent Order

All of the SoCG listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft DCO. Any Interested Party seeking for an Article or Requirement to be reworded should provide in the SoCG the form of words which are being sought.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties or in so far as any local authority position represents an officer level view only, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant by Deadline 2** on 14 November 2019. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed in the course of the Examination.

The content of SoCG is necessary to help inform the ExA as to the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings, and to enable the ExA and the Applicant to give notice of such Hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

2. Guide to the Application

The ExA requests that at each deadline, the Applicant provides an updated Guide to the Application document which provides a list of the most up-to-date documents before the Examination. A final version must be submitted **by Deadline 6** on 5 March 2020. This document should form part of the certification of plans identified within the draft Development Consent Order, and should not be removed from subsequent drafts if submitted during the Examination.

3. Compulsory Acquisition

The ExA requests that at each deadline, the Applicant provides an updated document which provides the most up-to-date information regarding agreements with Affected Persons in respect to Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession. A final version must be submitted **by Deadline 6** on 5 March 2020.

5. Local Impact Reports

The ExA requests Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from all host Local Authorities and welcomes LIRs from any other Authorities who may wish to submit one. All LIRs are to be submitted into the Examination no later than **by Deadline 1** on Thursday 24 October 2019.

6. Post Submission Documents

Following the acceptance of the application, the Applicant submitted correspondence on 21 June 2019 to the Planning Inspectorate in response to s51 advice [PD-003] issued on 11 June 2019.

The letter provided by the Applicant outlines the revised documents submitted in response to the matters raised in advice issued by the Planning Inspectorate. The ExA made a Procedural Decision on 26 June 2019 to accept the documentation.

The revised/amended documents submitted by the Applicant are as follows:

- Applicant's Response to Section 51 Advice – Cover Letter [AS-001]
- Navigation Document (Superseding [APP-005]) [AS-002]
- Land Plans (Superseding [APP-008 to APP-011]) [AS-003 to AS-006]
- Works Plans (Superseding [APP-012 to APP-014]) [AS-007 to AS-009]
- Special Category Land Plans (Superseding [APP-015]) [AS-010]
- Statement of Reasons (Superseding [APP-029]) [AS-010a]
- Book of Reference (Superseding [APP-031]) [AS-011]
- Consultation Report – Appendix 5 (Superseding [APP-036]) [AS-012]
- Consultation Report (Superseding [APP-032]) [AS-013]
- Existing Pipeline Plans with DCO Limits [AS-014].

A letter from the Applicant dated 29 July 2019 responded to a number of outstanding items contained within the Planning Inspectorate's s51 advice. The ExA made a Procedural Decision on 14 August to accept the following submissions:

- Applicant's Response to Section 51 Advice – Cover Letter [AS-016]
- Additional Submission - Preliminary Environment Information Report [AS-017]
- Additional Submission - Scoping Opinion [AS-018]
- Additional Submission - Scoping Report - Volume 1 [AS-019]
- Additional Submission - Scoping Report - Volume 2 [AS-020 to AS-025]
- Additional Submission - Habitats Regulation Assessment Appendix D - Planning Inspectorate DCO Screening Matrices [AS-026].

The ExA also made a Procedural Decision on 14 August 2019 to accept submissions from the following:

- Canal and River Trust [AS-026]
- Forestry Commission [AS-028]
- Rt Hon. Michael Gove MP [AS-029]
- Natural England [AS-030]
- NHS Hounslow Clinical Commissioning Group [AS-031]
- Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC [AS-032]
- Southern Gas Networks PLC [AS-033]
- UK Power Networks [AS-034]
- Kaye Squires [AS-035]

A Procedural Decision was made by the ExA on 27 August 2019 to accept a letter from the Applicant of 22 August 2019 confirming the selection of sub-option A2a in the Hinton Ampner area [AS-036].

These documents are available on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/South%20East/Southampton-to-London-Pipeline-Project/>.

Interested Parties are asked to submit any comments they may have on any of these documents **by Deadline 1** on 24 October 2019.