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Subject: Esso pipeline

Dear Planning Inspector

As Member of Parliament for Spelthorne, I am writing to raise my concerns about some aspects of the proposed route for Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

I understand that, under the current proposals, the pipeline would run parallel to Ashford Road TW18 in my constituency. When I met with the Ashford Road residents group recently to discuss this and other issues, the group informed me that a representative from the Woodland Trust had confirmed to them that, if the pipeline goes ahead along the proposed route, oak trees in the surrounding woodland would be badly damaged, and may die.

Any loss of woodland would, of course, also pose a threat to wildlife, including badgers, red kites and bats, and remove the environmental and noise protection that the trees offer residents from the busy Ashford Road.

Residents also expressed their concerns about the lack of opportunity that they have had to discuss this revised route, and their worries about potential flood risk from ground movement.

I would be very grateful for consideration of these points when reviewing the proposals, and if you could keep me informed as matters progress.

Yours sincerely
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