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Dear Mr Jones,

**Esso Petroleum Company, Limited (the Applicant). Southampton to London Pipeline Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN070005 Applicant's Response to letter issued under Rule 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure Rules) 2010.**

Thank you for the letter of 5 September 2019. We have responded by email to confirm our attendance at the Preliminary Meeting on 9 October 2019.

This letter provides some comments on the Rule 6 letter and accompanies the updated application plans and documents associated with the removal of the option at Hinton Amper referred to in our letter of 22 August 2019.

**Local Impact Report (LIR) deadlines.**

We are working with Local Authorities on the Statements of Common Ground (SOCG) with the aim of moving potential issues to an 'agreed' position. Simultaneously the local authorities are working on the LIRs. We think it would be beneficial to align the deadline for LIR and SOCG to provide consistency in the information submitted, and therefore would propose to align the deadline for the SOCG and LIRs at deadline 2.

We are currently canvassing the views of the Local Authorities on this but felt that you would appreciate an early indication of our thinking in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.

**Site Inspections**

Due to the linear nature of our application scheme, we have had discussions about novel approaches to site inspections and one option was the use of a helicopter to obtain an overhead perspective of the route. The size of the helicopter would, in our view, preclude its use for Accompanied Site Inspections given the need for the applicant and interested parties to be present. We would however be happy to arrange an unaccompanied site inspection via helicopter, of the entire application route if you think this would be helpful to the Examining Authority.



The capacity of the helicopter that is available is for 4 passengers sat on a single bench. We are conscious that those in the middle of the bench would have more restricted vision than those close to windows and accept that two flights may be required. No party would be present apart from the helicopter pilot, co-pilot and the Planning Inspectorate attendees.

Please note, the hiring company and the specific helicopter meet Esso's global safety requirements, which makes this the only helicopter that we are able to make available to the Examining Authority.

### Other items

- We have been making good progress with most of the organisations with who you have requested Statements of Common Ground and note the request for these to be submitted by the applicant to deadline 2 even if they are not signed. However, we would propose that we do not prepare any SoCG with Internal Drainage Boards as we believe that there are none operating in the application area. We have found this website to be helpful in showing the area covered by Internal Drainage Boards - [https://www.ada.org.uk/member\\_type/idbs/](https://www.ada.org.uk/member_type/idbs/) If the Examining Authority do wish for a SoCG with a specific internal drainage board then please could this be advised in the Rule 8 letter?
- Please note that there is one small error in the list of locations in Annex D. Ashford Library is in Surrey, not Kent. The postcode is correct. We do not think that anyone would have been disadvantaged by this error.
- We'd like to note that the Applicant's name contains a comma:  
Esso Petroleum Company, Limited  
This is the correct legal name for company number 26538 and should be used in all correspondence to avoid confusion with similar sounding registered companies.

### Submission of Documents.

In our letter of 22 August 2019 it was indicated that following confirmation that option A2b in respect of the Hinton Ampner area was withdrawn from the application we would update the relevant documents and plans in advance of the Preliminary Meeting. The updated documents are now enclosed. These are:

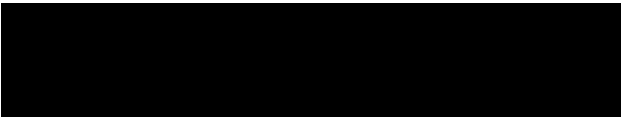
- Version 3 of the application document 2.1 Land Plans (this will supersede AS-003 to AS-006)
- Version 3 of the application document 2.2 Works Plans (this will supersede AS-007 to AS-009)
- Version 2 of the application document 2.3 Special Category Land Plans (this will supersede AS-010, APP-016 and APP-017)
- Version 2 of the application document 2.4 Crown Land Plans (this will supersede APP-018)



- Version 2 of the application document 2.5 Access and Public Right of Way Plans (this will supersede APP-019 to APP-021)
- Version 2 of the application document 2.6 General Arrangement Plans (this will supersede APP-022 to APP-024)
- Version 2 of the application document 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (this will supersede APP-026)
- Version 2 of the application document 3.2 Explanatory Memorandum (this will supersede APP-027).
- A comparite between application document draft Development Consent Order (APP-026) and the version submitted with this letter.
- A comparite between application document draft Development Consent Order (APP-027) and the version submitted with this letter.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me ([ian.fletcher2@jacobs.com](mailto:ian.fletcher2@jacobs.com))

Yours sincerely,



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