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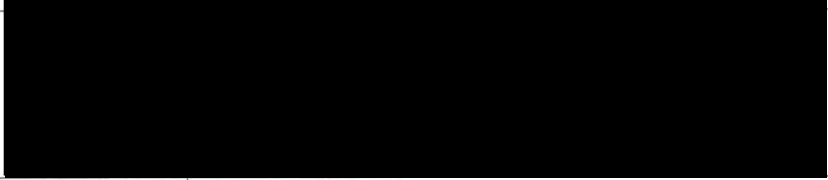
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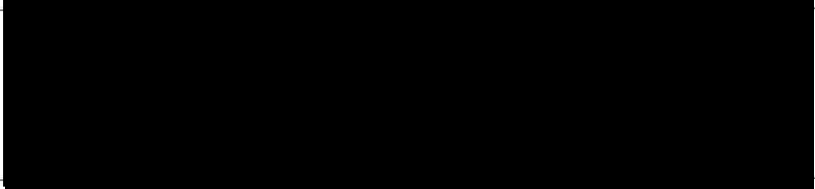
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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of Document

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement prepared jointly by the applicant for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement and matters which are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of SoCGs is to provide a clear record of the issues discussed and the stage each issue is at during the discussion. The SoCG can be used as evidence of these discussions in representations to the Planning Inspectorate as part of their examination of the DCO application.

## 1.2 Description of the Project

- 1.2.1 Esso Petroleum Company, Limited launched the Southampton to London Pipeline Project late in 2017. The project proposes to replace 90km of the 105km aviation fuel pipeline that runs from the Fawley Refinery near Southampton, to the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. Esso recently completed the public consultation on their preferred route for the replacement pipeline. This was the project's second public consultation.
- 1.2.2 More information can be found on our website [[www.slpproject.co.uk](http://www.slpproject.co.uk)].

## 1.3 This Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared in respect of the scheme by Esso Petroleum Company Limited (Esso) as the Applicant, and Surrey Wildlife Trust as a consultee.
- 1.3.2 Esso is a brand of ExxonMobil, which has operated in the UK for over 120 years. In the early days ExxonMobil imported high quality lamp oil to the UK market. Today their focus on quality fuels remains, but operations are far more extensive. Esso owns and operates the UK's largest refinery at Fawley, which provides fuel for more than 800,000 retail customers every day at Esso-branded service stations. An underground distribution pipeline network transports fuel from Fawley to Esso's fuel terminals at Avonmouth, Birmingham, Hythe, Purfleet, West London and also for use at the UK's busiest airports.
- 1.3.3 Surrey Wildlife Trust is a charity, one of 46 Wildlife Trusts across the UK. Surrey Wildlife Trust manages over 7000 hectares of land for people and wildlife in Surrey, including areas of Chobham Common SSSI and Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI, with the support of volunteers and members. It runs a range of nature conservation and education projects, works with other organisations and landowners to protect and connect wildlife sites, and inputs into the planning process.
- 1.3.4 The Examining Authority's Rule 6 Letter dated 5 September 2019 (**Procedural Document PD-005**) requested that a Statement of Common Ground be prepared between the Applicant and Surrey 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.

1.3.5 The above issues are reflected in the tables in section 3 as 'themes' identified in the left hand column.

1.3.6 Throughout this SoCG:

- Where a section begins 'matters agreed', this sets out matters that have been specifically agreed between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Esso.
- Where a section begins 'matters not agreed', this sets out matters that are not agreed between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Esso.
- Where a section begins 'matters subject to ongoing discussion', this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Esso.

## **1.4 Structure of the Statement of Common Ground**

1.4.1 This SoCG has been structured to reflect matters and topics of relevance to Surrey Wildlife Trust in respect of the Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

- Section 2 provides an overview of the engagement to date between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Esso.
- Section 3 provides a summary of areas that have been agreed.
- Section 4 provides a record of areas that have not yet been agreed
- Section 5 provides a note of matters which are subject to ongoing discussion.
- Section 6 provides a record of relevant documents and drawings.





## 2 Record of Engagement Undertaken to Date

### 2.1 Pre-application Engagement and Consultation

2.1.1 The table below sets out the consultation that has been undertaken between Esso and Surrey Wildlife Trust prior to the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
11/12/2017	Letter	Project launch	Esso's Project Executive wrote to Surrey Wildlife Trust to launch the project.
19/03/2018	Letter	Corridor consultation launch	Esso's Project Executive wrote to Surrey Wildlife Trust to launch the corridor consultation.
27/04/2018	Consultation response	Response to corridor consultation	Surrey Wildlife Trust wrote in response to the corridor consultation, on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route options</li> <li>• Information sharing</li> </ul>
01/05/2018	Meeting	Project launch and survey strategy	Attended by Surrey Wildlife Trust's Living Landscapes Manager and Conservation Manager (Planning) with others present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corridor consultation</li> <li>• Construction methodology</li> <li>• Possible mitigation and opportunities</li> <li>• Survey strategy</li> </ul>
30/05/2018	Letter	Preferred corridor announcement	Esso's Land and Pipeline Technical Lead wrote to Surrey Wildlife Trust to announce the preferred corridor
27/06/2018	Letter	Initial Working Route Announcement	Esso's Land and Pipeline Technical Lead wrote to Surrey Wildlife Trust to provide a project update and introduce the Initial Working Route
24/07/2018	Site visit	Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI	Attended by Surrey Wildlife Trust's site manager at Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI, and surveyor for Chobham Common SSSI, with others from Natural England present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route options</li> <li>• Habitats</li> <li>• Construction methodology</li> <li>• Possible mitigation and opportunities</li> </ul>
24/07/2018	Site visit	Chobham Commons SSSI/NNR	Attended by Surrey Wildlife Trust's site manager at Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI, and surveyor for Chobham Common SSSI, with others from Natural England present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route options</li> <li>• Habitats</li> <li>• Hydrology/hydrogeology</li> <li>• Construction methodology</li> <li>• Possible mitigation and opportunities</li> </ul>
06/09/2018	Letter	Preferred route consultation launch	Esso's Land and Pipeline Technical Lead wrote to Surrey Wildlife Trust to launch the Preferred Route Statutory Consultation



Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
19/10/2018	Consultation Response	Response to preferred route consultation	Surrey Wildlife Trust's site manager at Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI wrote to provide a response to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred route and sub-options</li> <li>• Preliminary Environmental Information Report</li> </ul>
27/11/2018	Workshop	Project update	Attended by Surrey Wildlife Trust's site manager at Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI, with others from Natural England and Hart District Council present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project update</li> <li>• Scoping</li> <li>• Survey results and data collection</li> <li>• Protect species licences</li> <li>• Possible mitigation measures</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground</li> </ul>

## 2.2 Engagement Following Submission of Application

2.2.1 The table below sets out the consultation that has been undertaken between Esso and Surrey Wildlife Trust since the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
27/09/2019	Meeting	SOCCG	Meeting / conference call with Mike Waite of Surrey Wildlife Trust, to discuss the Statement of Common Ground.

2.2.2 Although not considered to be an examination issue, the Parties will continue to engage on the voluntary Environmental Investment Programme and intend for the broad scope of this programme to be agreed shortly.





### 3 Matters Agreed

3.1.1 The table below sets out the matters agreed in relation to different topics.

Examining Authority's suggested theme	Topic	Matter Agreed
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites	Consultee Engagement	That Surrey Wildlife Trust welcomes the project's proactive and professional approach to engagement and consultation.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites	Ecology surveys	That the scope and methodology of the ecological surveys are appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites; mitigation including wider integration issues	Ecology mitigation	That the embedded design, good practice and ecological mitigation across sites managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust (including Local Wildlife Sites) is appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites	Route alignment	That, when considering all factors, the selection of the final pipeline route through Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI is appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites	Impact assessment	That the scope and results of the impacts assessment for Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI are appropriate. The Parties note that the citation for the SSSI does include reference to raft spider <i>Dolomedes fimbriatus</i> , and that its principal habitat is not affected by the project.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites; mitigation including wider integration issues	Ecological mitigation	That the embedded design, good practice and mitigation proposed for Colony Bog and Bagshot Heath SSSI is appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites	Route alignment	That, when considering all factors, the selection of the final pipeline route through Chobham Common SSSI is appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites	Impact assessment	That the scope and results of the impacts assessment for Chobham Common SSSI are appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites; mitigation including wider integration issues	Ecological mitigation	That the embedded design, good practice and mitigation proposed for Chobham Common SSSI is appropriate.
Effects on locally managed wildlife sites; mitigation including wider integration issues	Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)	That Surrey Wildlife Trust support the conclusion of the HRA (APP-130), that there would be no adverse effects on the integrity of either the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area or the Thursley, Ash, Pirbright and Chobham Special Area of Conservation after implementation of appropriate mitigation and good practice measures.
The incorporation of wildlife opportunities in the proposal	Environmental Investment	That the Parties will continue to engage on the voluntary Environmental Investment Programme and intend for the broad scope of this programme to be agreed shortly.





## 4 Matters Not Agreed

4.1.1 The table below sets out the matters **not** agreed in relation to different topics.

Topic	Matter not agreed



## 5 Matters Subject to On-going Discussion

5.1.1 The table below sets out the matters subject to ongoing discussion.

Topic	Matter not agreed





## 6 Relevant documents and drawings

### 6.1 List of relevant documents and drawings

6.1.1 The following is a list of documents and drawings upon which this Statement of Common Ground is based.

Application Reference	Title	Content	Date
EN070005 Document 6.1	Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary	Overview of the Environmental Statement	14 May 2019
EN070005 Document 6.2	Environmental Statement	Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment	14 May 2019
EN070005 Document 6.3	Environmental Statement Figures	Illustrative material to support the Environmental Statement	14 May 2019
EN070005 Document 6.4	Environmental Statement Appendices	Additional data and evidence to support the Environmental Statement	14 May 2019
EN070005 Document 6.5	Habitats Regulations Assessment report	Report summarising the findings of the studies in relation to the effects of the Project on European protected sites, to inform Stage 1 (Screening) and Stage 2 (Appropriate Assessment) of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.	14 May 2019