

# Southampton to London Pipeline Project

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### **Statement of Common Ground**

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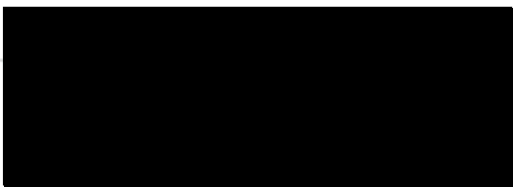
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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose of Document**

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement produced as part of the Application process for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and is prepared jointly between the applicant for a DCO and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement. It also details matters that are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of a SoCG is to help the Examining Authority manage the Examination Phase of a DCO application. Understanding the status of the matters at hand will allow the Examining Authority to focus their questioning and provide greater predictability for all participants in examination. A SoCG may be submitted prior to the start of or during Examination, and then updated as necessary or as requested during the Examination Phase.

### **1.2 Description of the Project**

- 1.2.1 Esso Petroleum Company, Limited (Esso) launched its Southampton to London Pipeline Project late in 2017. The project proposes to replace 90km of its 105km aviation fuel pipeline that runs from the Fawley Refinery near Southampton, to the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. In spring 2018, Esso held a non-statutory consultation which helped it to select the preferred corridor for the replacement pipeline. In autumn 2018, it held a statutory consultation on the preferred route for the replacement pipeline. In early 2019, it held a second phase of statutory consultation on design refinements.

### **1.3 Statement of Common Ground**

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared jointly by Esso as the applicant and Cadent as a Relevant Statutory Undertaker.
- 1.3.2 Cadent Gas Ltd (Cadent) are gas provider for the northern section of the Southampton to London pipeline, from the junction of the Maultway / Old Bisley road, Frimley and the West London Terminal. Cadent Gas own the 8 inch gas pipeline running parallel to the existing Esso aviation fuel and multiproduct pipelines along this stretch. The pipeline covered in this development consent order will cross a number of Cadent Gas's other assets.
- 1.3.3 For the purpose of this SoCG, Esso and Cadent will jointly be referred to as the "Parties". When referencing Cadent alone, they will be referred to as "the Consultee".
- 1.3.4 Throughout this SoCG:
- Where a section begins 'matters agreed', this sets out matters that have been agreed between the Parties.



- Where a section begins 'matters not agreed', this sets out matters that are not agreed between the Parties.
- Where a section begins 'matters subject to ongoing discussion', this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between the Parties.

#### **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 the Consultee in respect of Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project.
- Section 2 provides an overview of the engagement to date between the Parties.
  - 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 list of ongoing matters (if any) that will be agreed or not agreed by the Parties during examination.
  - 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 and engagement that has been undertaken between the Parties prior to the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
04/12/2017	Letter and phone call	Pre-launch engagement	The project made introductions to stakeholders whose position and comments on the project at an early stage could significantly impact the project.
11/12/2017	Correspondence	Project introduction	The project sent a letter to the Consultee regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map of current route</li> <li>• Project timeline</li> <li>• Project introduction</li> </ul>
19/03/2018	Correspondence	Launch of non-statutory (Corridor) consultation	The project sent the Consultee two letters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Notification of launch letter (as a potential future statutory consultee)</li> <li>2) A notification letter as a landowner, with a Person with an Interest in Land questionnaire and land plans</li> </ol>
30/05/2018	Correspondence	Preferred corridor announcement	The Consultee was sent two letters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter as a key stakeholder regarding the preferred corridor that was selected</li> <li>• A landowner letter</li> </ul>
27/06/2018	Correspondence	Initial Working Route	Project update regarding Initial Working Route release.
03/07/2018	Meeting	Project Introduction	Initial meeting with the Consultee, provided background on the project.
06/09/2018	Correspondence	Launch of first statutory (Preferred Route) consultation	The project sent the Consultee two letters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Notification of launch letter (as a statutory consultee)</li> <li>2) A notification letter as a landowner, with a Person with an Interest in Land questionnaire and land plans</li> </ol> (Both letters were in line with the Planning Act 2008.)
25/10/2018	Meeting	Next steps	Presentation to the Consultee's Integrity Engineers and Consents officer (Cadent DCO/Consents officer) Cadent Integrity Engineer for AGIs, Cadent Integrity Engineer > 2 bar Cadent Regional Integrity Manager.  The project provided an update on statutory consultation alignments and explained the DCO process.
25/10/2018	Correspondence	Statutory consultation response	A copy of the response received is enclosed as Appendix A.



Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
25/10/2018	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The Consultee's DCO/Consents officer confirmed they had engaged legal representation from Gowling WLG to act on behalf of the Consultee to provide legal advice on Protective Provisions.
29/10/2018	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The project emailed the Consultee's DCO/Consents officer a copy of the draft Protective Provisions - part 1 – for the protection of electricity, gas, water and sewage undertakers.
07/12/2018	Correspondence	Pipeline route	The project emailed the Preferred Provisional alignment (post Statutory Consultation) as a shape file to the Consultee's DCO/Consents officer.
11/01/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The Consultee's legal representative emailed a copy of the Consultee's Protective Provision template.
18/01/2019	Correspondence	Launch of second statutory (Design Refinements) consultation	The project sent the Consultee two letters: 1) Notification of launch letter (as a statutory consultee) 2) A notification letter as a landowner (Both letters complied with the approach set out in the SoCC).  The Consultee did not respond to consultation at this stage.
25/01/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The project has instructed VWV to engage with Gowling WLG.
28/02/2019	Meeting	Alignment and Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)	Presentation to Cadent Integrity Engineers, Cadent Integrity Engineer > 2 bar, Cadent Integrity Engineer < 2bar) and the Consultee's DCO/Consents officer Cadent DCO officer.  The project provided an update on alignment and explanation on SoCG.
28/02/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Sent draft SoCG to the Consultee's DCO/Consents officer
21/03/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	The Consultee's DCO/Consents officer signed an early Statement of Common Ground draft.
27/03/2019	Correspondence	Final route release	The project issued a letter announcing the final route and offering a meeting if required.

## 2.2 Engagement Following Submission of Application

2.2.1 The table below sets out the consultation and engagement that has been undertaken between the Parties since the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points



Statement of Common Ground



Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points



### 3. Matters Agreed

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

Topic	Matter agreed	Reference
General	It is agreed that the Consultee has no objection to the proposed pipeline alignment subject to the agreement of Protective Provisions	Engagement to date
Easement	It is agreed that there can be overlapping easements between the existing pipelines and the new aviation fuel pipeline.	Meeting minutes 03/07/2018 & 25/10/2018
Construction	<p>In submitting the project's plans to the Consultee pursuant to the protective provisions in the DCO, it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a 3m horizontal minimum clearance between the 8inch Cadent gas pipeline running parallel to the existing 12inch Esso pipeline and the new aviation fuel pipeline where feasible, namely in rural locations.</li> <li>• Cross the Consultee's high-pressure mains between 75 – 90 degrees and comply to T/SP/SSW22 procedures when excavating close to the Consultee's gas pipelines.</li> <li>• Undertake interaction testing pre and post construction to confirm the cathodic protection on the Consultee's asset has not been affected. Test shall be carried out in accordance with standard industry guidelines.</li> <li>• Accurately peg out the alignment of the new pipeline prior to construction, especially where the aviation fuel line is to be laid on the west of the 8inch gas main.</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting minutes 03/07/2018 &amp; 25/10/2018</p> <p>Protective Provision</p>



## 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	Reference



## 5. Matters Subject to On-going Discussion

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

Topic	Matter subject to ongoing discussion	Reference
Protective provisions	The applicant has engaged with the Consultee on Protective Provisions and legal discussions are ongoing.	



## 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 SoCG is based.

Application Reference	Title	Content	Date



## 7. Appendix A

### 7.1 Response to Preferred Route Consultation

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Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project – Preferred Route Statutory Consultation

Section 42 Planning Act 2008

I refer to your letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 regarding the above proposed DCO. Cadent has reviewed the project plans provided and wishes to make the following comments

In respect of existing Cadent infrastructure, Cadent will require appropriate protection for retained apparatus including compliance with relevant standards for works proposed within close proximity of its apparatus.

**Cadent Infrastructure within or in close proximity to the Proposed Order Limits**

Cadent has identified the following apparatus within the vicinity of the proposed works

- Above ground installations and sites
- High pressure and intermediate (above 2 bar) Gas Pipelines and associated equipment
- Low or Medium pressure (below 2 bar) gas pipes and associated equipment (As a result it is highly likely that there are also gas services and associated apparatus in the vicinity)

**Where the Promoter intends to acquire land, extinguish rights, or interfere with any of Cadent's apparatus, Cadent will require appropriate protection and further discussion on the impact to its apparatus and rights including adequate Protective Provisions.**

**Where diversions of apparatus are required to facilitate the scheme, Cadent will require adequate land and consents to be included within the Order to enable works and provide appropriate land rights for Cadent to access, maintain and protect apparatus in future**

**Key Considerations:**

- Cadent has a Deed of Grant of Easement for each pipeline, which prevents the erection of permanent / temporary buildings, or structures, change to existing ground levels, storage of materials etc

**Pipeline Crossings**

- Where existing roads cannot be used, construction traffic should ONLY cross the pipeline at previously agreed locations
- The pipeline shall be protected, at the crossing points, by temporary rafts constructed at ground level. The third party shall review ground conditions, vehicle types and crossing frequencies to determine the type and construction of the raft required
- The type of raft shall be agreed with Cadent prior to installation



- No protective measures including the installation of concrete slab protection shall be installed over or near to the Cadent pipeline without the prior permission of Cadent.
- Cadent will need to agree the material, the dimensions and method of installation of the proposed protective measure.
- The method of installation shall be confirmed through the submission of a formal written method statement from the contractor to Cadent.
- Please be aware that written permission is required before any works commence within the Cadent easement strip.
- A Cadent representative shall monitor any works within close proximity to the pipeline.
- A Deed of Consent is required for any crossing of the easement.

### New Service Crossing.

- New services may cross the pipeline at perpendicular angle to the pipeline i.e. 90 degrees.
- A new service should not be laid parallel within an easement.
- A Cadent representative shall supervise any new service crossing of a pipeline. Any exposed pipeline should be suitably supported and removed prior to backfilling.
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- An exposed pipeline should be protected by matting and suitable timber cladding.
- For pipe construction involving deep excavation (<1.5m) in the vicinity of grey iron mains, the model consultative procedure will apply therefore an integrity assessment must be conducted to confirm if diversion is required.
- A Deed of Consent is required for any new service crossing the easement.
- Where a new service is to cross over the pipeline a clearance distance of 0.6 metres between the crown of the pipeline and underside of the service should be maintained. If this cannot be achieved the service shall cross below the pipeline with a clearance distance of 0.6 metres.

### General Notes on Pipeline Safety

- You should be aware of the Health and Safety Executives guidance document HS(G) 47 "Avoiding Danger from Underground Services", and Cadent's specification for Safe Working in the Vicinity of Cadent High Pressure gas pipelines and associated installations - requirements for third parties T/SP/SSW22 Digsafe leaflet Excavating Safely - Avoiding injury when working near gas pipes.
- Cadent will also need to ensure that our pipelines access is maintained during and after construction.
- The actual depth and position must be confirmed on site by trial hole investigation under the supervision of a Cadent representative. Ground cover above our pipelines should not be reduced or increased.
- If any excavations are planned within 3 metres of Cadent High Pressure Pipeline or within 10 metres of an AGI (Above Ground Installation), or if any embankment or dredging works are proposed then the actual position and depth of the pipeline must be established on site in the presence of a Cadent representative. A safe working method agreed prior to any work taking



place in order to minimise the risk of damage and ensure the final depth of cover does not affect the integrity of the pipeline.

- Excavation works may take place unsupervised no closer than 3 metres from the pipeline once the actual depth and position has been confirmed on site under the supervision of a Cadent representative. Similarly, excavation with hand held power tools is not permitted within 1.5 metres from our apparatus and the work is undertaken with NG supervision and guidance.
- The above guidance is not exhaustive and your works proposals must always be submitted to Cadent's Plant Protection department in advance of commencement of works on site

Yours Faithfully



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Continuation sheet





**Guidance**

To download a copy of the HSE Guidance HS(G)47, please use the following link

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg47.htm>

Dial Before You Dig Pipelines Guidance

<https://cadentgas.com/Digging-safety/Dial-before-you-dig>

Essential Guidance document

[https://cadentgas.com/getattachment/Digging-safety/Work-safety-library/Promo-Essential-guidance/Essential\\_Guidance.pdf](https://cadentgas.com/getattachment/Digging-safety/Work-safety-library/Promo-Essential-guidance/Essential_Guidance.pdf)

Excavating Safely in the vicinity of gas pipes guidance (Credit card)

[https://cadentgas.com/getattachment/Digging-safety/Work-safety-library/Promo-Excavating-safely-credit-card-gas/Excavating\\_Safely\\_Leaflet\\_Gas-1.pdf](https://cadentgas.com/getattachment/Digging-safety/Work-safety-library/Promo-Excavating-safely-credit-card-gas/Excavating_Safely_Leaflet_Gas-1.pdf)

Copies of all the Guidance Documents can also be downloaded from the Cadent Website

<https://cadentgas.com/Digging-safety/Work-safety-library>



