

The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
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YOUR REF:

22 October 2019

Dear Sirs

**NOTICE TO ATTEND ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION AND TO SPEAK AT
COMPULSORY ACQUISITION/OPEN FLOOR HEARING – ESSO PIPELINE**

We write further to your letter of 16th October 2019 to all interested parties in the planned Southampton to London pipeline project and confirm that we act for Derek and Linda Hammond. Our clients are the registered proprietors of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The proposed route for the pipeline crosses through our client's property, under the entrance gate and driveway and the work may require the demolition of existing outbuildings at the property.

Please accept this letter as notification that we wish to have an accompanied site inspection which we believe is scheduled for 26th November 2019 and we and our clients wish to be present.

Please also accept this letter as notification that we and/or our clients wish to speak at the compulsory acquisition hearing which we understand to be currently scheduled for Monday 25th November 2019.

Our clients have had discussions with Esso and their representatives, Fisher German LLP. Our clients are concerned that the proposed route of the pipeline passes through their property. They would like Esso to examine An alternative route. They believe that it is the designation of the woodland adjoining their property as an "ancient woodland" that has caused the route of the existing pipeline to be altered and to cross their land.

Our clients are retired and have spent a considerable number of years and considerable sums of money in totally refurbishing the property at [REDACTED] and landscaping the garden. There are stables and a work shed at the top of the driveway which our clients use for storage. It would appear that these stables and work shed may have to be demolished or moved whilst the works are in progress to lay the pipeline which would cause our clients inconvenience and financial loss.

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Our clients believe that the presence of a pipeline could blight the property and down value the property by 35-40%.

Our clients are concerned that the compensation offered will not compensate them for the loss of profit and equity that they currently have within the property.

Our clients are also concerned that if the pipeline is laid across their property, there could be safety issues in the future. They have requested further information on the safety record of the current pipeline, and they would request that this information be provided.

Our clients are retired and one of our clients is not in the best health and the stress and uncertainty of this situation is causing our clients considerable concern and it is having a detrimental effect on our clients health.

Our clients, and we as their solicitors, would like to attend the open floor hearings and be able to speak at the same.

We would like to thank the Planning Inspectorate for allowing all interested parties the opportunity to attend the accompanied site inspection and also to voice their concerns at the open floor and compulsory acquisition hearings. Please accept this letter as notification of our clients wish, as a registered interested party, to attend these hearings and we look forward to hearing from you with confirmation of receipt of this letter.

If in the meantime you wish to contact me in regard to any of the above, please feel free to email me at p.lawson@srb.co.uk or alternatively using the details at the bottom of this page.

Yours faithfully



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