



The Planning
Inspectorate

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SOUTHAMPTON TO LONDON PIPELINE PROJECT

Issue Specific Hearing 2: Environmental Matters
Date: Tuesday 3 December 2019, 10:00am
Location: Hampshire Suite, Holiday Inn Farnborough,
Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6AZ

Issue Specific Hearings

All Interested Parties are invited to attend issue specific hearings but it would assist the running of the hearings if notice could be given to the Inspectorate's Case Team (SouthamptontoLondonPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) of a wish to participate prior to the hearing.

Each Interested Party is entitled to make oral representations at hearings. However, this is subject to the Examining Authority's (ExA) power to control hearings.

The hearing venue will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of each hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the days that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

Please Note:

In order to ensure timely publication of the agenda, this has been drafted very shortly after the receipt of submissions for Deadline 2. As a consequence the ExA may need to adjust the agenda at the meeting to allow for responses received at this deadline.

Agenda

The main purpose of this Issue Specific Hearing is to undertake an examination of environmental matters.

In particular, to:

- Consider the ecology; biodiversity and landscape and visual effects of the Application with particular reference to the removal of trees, hedgerows and vegetation; and
- To consider the Habitats Regulation Assessment in terms of the Application.

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- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. The effect of the Proposed Development on biodiversity and landscape from trees, hedgerows and vegetation losses**

Examination to include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- The Applicant to be asked to provide a very brief overview as to how they have approached the issue of trees when preparing the application;
- Discussion on the following specific locations: Tweseldown Racecourse; Cove Brook and Southwood Country Park; Queen Elizabeth Park; Frith Hill; Turf Hill; Chobham Common; Ashford Road and Fordbridge Park area;
- The effect on biodiversity and green infrastructure at those areas elsewhere within the Order Limits and within the pipeline setting;
- Whether the Proposed Development would result in the fragmentation and/or severance of habitats through hedgerow removal;

- The effect of the removal of trees, hedgerows and vegetation on non-statutory designated sites for nature conservation; and
- To understand whether any differences between the IPs on these matters could be resolved through additional work, mitigation or changes to requirements of the draft Development Consent Order.

3. Landscape and Visual effects on South Downs National Park Area

4. Habitats Regulation Assessment

- To consider the effect of the Proposed Development on the integrity and qualifying features of the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area and the Thursley, Ash, Pirbright and Chobham Special Area of Conservation;
- To consider the effect of the Proposed Development on the Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace network and any consequential effect on the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area and the Thursley, Ash, Pirbright and Chobham Special Area of Conservation.

5. Biodiversity Net Gain / Environmental Investment Programme

6. Consents, licences and other agreements

To receive an update on progress between parties and timescales for completion in relation to any consents, licenses or other agreements that particularly relate to environmental matters that were not discussed at the draft DCO hearing on 27 November 2019.

7. Action points arising from the hearing

8. Any other business

Invited attendees:

All IPs are welcome to attend the hearing. However, representatives for the following parties are specifically requested to attend because the ExA considers that the material that they have submitted raises issues that the ExA may wish to explore at the hearing:

- The Applicant;
- Environment Agency;
- East Hampshire Borough Council;
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Hampshire County Council;
- Hart District Council;
- National Trust;
- Natural England;
- Runnymede Borough Council;
- Rushmoor Borough Council;

- South Downs National Park Authority;
- Spelthorne Borough Council;
- Surrey Heath Borough Council;
- Surrey County Council;
- Surrey Wildlife Trust; and
- Winchester City Council.