

Nov 27th, 2019

Ref: Southampton to London Pipeline Project by Esso Petroleum Co Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

In line with the Infrastructure Planning Inspectorate website I submitted my objection to the above planning applications back in July. I have since been unable to find any reference to it on your website nor have I received any correspondence in relation to it. I have been advised to send my objections to you direct.

Tweseldown are the long term tenants of Tweseldown Racecourse. The Esso Pipeline runs directly through Tweseldown Racecourse and will cause major disruption on several levels:

Interruption of Competitions

Tweseldown runs four British Eventing Affiliated Horse Trials a year. March, May, July and October. We also run three unaffiliated competitions in April, June/July and September/October. The area that the pipeline is to be situated is straight through the cross country and show jumping and will also block access to the competition site. The project is likely to require us to cancel competitions due to the level of advance notice required and uncertainty created by the project.

Ground disturbance and restoration

Disturbance to the ground is another large concern. Tweseldown hosts some of the top three day event riders in the world who ride horses worth up to and over a million pounds. Stable consistent ground is of the utmost importance to these riders and is a main factor we have addressed successfully to attract such riders. I am extremely concerned that when the trench is dug and the ground on either side is used as a driving track by vehicles the ground will be uneven and compacted causing inconsistencies which are extremely bad for horses' legs. Once re-instated there is the risk of uneven settlement of the trench cut itself over time, which risks injuries to horses and riders.

Interruption of day to day business (cross country schooling):

Tweseldown is open all year round for horses and riders to train over the cross country course. The pipeline runs straight through the area and will result in closure of these activities. As discussed above, the inconsistencies in the ground are also of great concern as the training fences are situated on either side of the pipeline so horses will be galloping backwards and forwards over the ground. This will concern our customers who may decide not to train at Tweseldown for fear of injury to their horses.



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In summary the project creates significant risks and uncertainties for Tweseldown Racecourse and I would be looking for assurances from Esso as far as reasonably possible to mitigate potential impacts on my above concerns.

Yours faithfully

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