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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 89
The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as
amended) – Rules 9 and 17**

**Application by Esso Petroleum Company, Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Southampton to London Pipeline Project**

**Request to Make Changes to the Original Application and Examining
Authority's Request for Additional Information**

We are writing to inform you of the decision made by the Examining Authority (ExA) to request additional information regarding the Applicant's request to accept an amendment to the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (DCO) Application. This formal Change Request was made at Deadline 3 (Examination Library reference [REP3-022]).

As it currently stands, the Applicant seeks development consent for, amongst other things, 6no. temporary logistics hubs. These are Works Nos 6(A-C) and 7(A-C) in the draft Development Consent Order [REP3-006]. The Change Request [REP3-022] states that their purpose is to accept deliveries and storage of pipe as well as to provide, among other things, staff welfare facilities, offices and parking areas.

The Applicant states [REP3-022] that since the preparation and submission of the Application, it has continued to develop the logistics plans for the transportation and storage of installation materials, refine staff travel, and had detailed discussions with manufacturers of the steel pipe and specialist logistics companies. As a result of this work, the Applicant considers that fewer temporary logistics hubs would be required to enable the installation of the proposed pipeline.

The table below sets out the proposed changes. In summary, the Applicant seeks to delete Works Nos 6A, 7B and 7C, whilst reducing the land needed for Work No 6B and 6C. Work No 7A would become a construction compound and be reduced in land take.

Logistic Hub Name	Approx. Size (Ha)	Current Land Use	Change Request
<u>Work No 6A</u> A31 Ropley Dean	2.7	Agriculture	No longer required. To be deleted from the Application
<u>Work No 6B</u> A31/A32 Junction, Northfield Lane, Alton	5.4	Agriculture	Retain and reduce to 2.0 ha
<u>Work No 6C</u> Hartland Park Village, Farnborough	9.1	Ex-MoD, site demolished. Outline planning permission for 1500 homes to be delivered over the next 15-years.	Retain and reduce to 2.0 ha
<u>Work No 7A</u> Ministry of Defence (MoD) land: Deepcut Bridge Road, Frimley Green	1.9	MoD ranges – the site has a concrete surface with some overgrown and self-seeded tree cover.	Replace with construction compound and reduce to 0.5ha
<u>Work No 7B</u> M3 Junction 3: New Road, Windlesham	3.3	Currently being vacated and restored as a compound for the M3 Smart Motorway works. The land would be in agricultural use when the Applicant commences work.	No longer required. To be deleted from the Application
<u>Work No 7C</u> Brett Aggregates, Littleton Lane, Shepperton	1.3	Mineral extraction site (quarry), including some historical landfill, and is regulated under an Environmental Permit. The site is being restored to agriculture with some biodiversity areas including reed beds. The proposed logistics hub would be located on the proposed agricultural land.	No longer required. To be deleted from the Application

The ExA has assessed the Applicant's request in line with paragraphs 109 to 115 of DCLG Guidance 'Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent' (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008->

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[examination-of-applications-for-development-consent](#)) and the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 16 National Infrastructure Planning <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2015/07/Advice-note-16.pdf>).

However, the ExA considers additional information is required before it can determine whether or not the Change Request represents a material change to the Application, and accordingly whether it can be accepted into the Examination. The additional information required is as follows.

For the Applicant

- a) Work No 6C Hartland Park Village, sheets 32 and 56 on the Land Plans [AS-043] and [AS-044]

The ExA notes that a section of the proposed access road, as well as an entirely new strip of roadway encompassing Bramshot Lane to the A327 Roundabout is now proposed to be included within the Order limits. The ExA requests the Applicant confirm this understanding of the Change Request [REP3-022] is correct and that it is to be included within the Order land.

The ExA requests that the Applicant provides additional information on the powers sought over the Order land as amended, i.e temporary possession powers or permanent possession.

- b) Work No 7A, Deepcut, sheet 37 on the Land Plan [AS-043]
- c) Work No 6B, A31/A32 Junction, sheet 59 on the Land Plans [AS-044]

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In providing the additional information sought above, the ExA requests the Applicant provide only the relevant excerpts from the Land Plans and Works Plans to illustrate the powers sought over the amended Order land and Order limits. Please note that we do not require a full set of the Land Plans and Works Plans documents to be submitted at this stage.

The ExA also requests the Applicant confirms that the environmental effects resulting from the traffic changes associated with the two remaining temporary logistics hubs have been cumulatively assessed with other chapters in the Environmental Statement, having specific regard to Air Quality, Noise and on People and Communities.

For All Relevant Planning Authorities and Highway Authorities

It is the Applicant's view [REP3-022] that the Change Request amounts to a non-material amendment to the Application. It says this because, amongst other things, it considers that changes to traffic levels overall would not exceed the scope and assessment in the ES [APP-053] and [APP-119]. The ExA requests the views of all relevant local authorities and relevant highway authorities specifically on the revised traffic assessments provided within the Change Request, and reasoned explanation as to whether, in their opinion, the proposed changes would amount to a material change to the Application.

The ExA requests this additional information by Deadline 4, **Thursday 30 January 2020.**

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Yours faithfully

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