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To: Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Cc: McCulloch, Laura

Subject: Hampshire County Council"s updated position at Deadline 5 (SLP-SP068)

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Dear Mr Allen

We write to advise you that discussions with the applicant in relation to our previously expressed concerns are progressing positively. This is expected to be reflected in the applicant's separate update to you on the progress being made in the Statement of Common Ground.

In particular, our previous concerns about the adequacy of the applicant's proposed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy have been addressed in the most recently submitted draft document. The provision in the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the application of Hampshire County Council's permitting scheme relation to works to the highway and public rights of way network is also welcomed in principle.

In relation to surface water and flood risk considerations, we are continuing to work with Surrey County Council and the applicant to ensure that there is sufficient provision within the DCO to ensure that the statutory responsibilities in this regard are discharged appropriately. In particular, we are currently discussing the wording of a new part of the DCO which is intended to cover 'protected provisions for the Lead Local Flood Authority'. We anticipate being able to arrive at a positive resolution to these discussions in the next few weeks.

We are continuing to review the detailed wording of the latest iteration of the proposed DCO to ensure that the expectations of the operations of the powers proposed to be conveyed to the applicant, and the subsequent interactions with the responsibilities of Hampshire County Council, are as agreed in principle.

In the light of the above, and in seeking to continue to assist the Examining Authority in their work, we can confirm that we would like to reserve the right to speak at the forthcoming issue specific hearings on 25, 26 and 27 February 2020. We will review our planned attendance at these hearings in the light of any questions set by the Examining Authority for these hearings, and any further dialogue with the applicant on these matters in the meantime.

Kind regards,

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