

Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Deadline 5

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For the attention of:
Hefin Jones

13 February 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Act 2008. Application by Esso Petroleum Company, Limited for
Southampton to London Pipeline
Response of Applicant to Deadline 5**

Please find enclosed our submissions for Deadline 5 as set out in the Rule 8 letter. It should be noted that there are no draft planning obligations as the Applicant takes the view that these are not required. This letter also responds to the Rule 17 letter dated 6 February 2020 (PD-011).

1. Applicants comments on responses to Deadline 4

The Applicant has combined in a single document its comments on responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and its comments on other responses submitted for deadline 4. The only exception to this are the Applicants responses to Interested Parties comments on the draft DCO at Deadline 4 which are contained in a separate document.

2. An updated Guide to the Application

An updated Guide to the Application is provided. The Applicant refers to this as the navigation document.

3. An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions

An updated version of the draft DCO and the Explanatory Memorandum is provided in clean, tracked and Word versions. A separate document sets out the Applicants responses to Interested Parties comments on the draft DCO at Deadline 4. Furthermore, a note explaining the changes at Deadline 5 is also provided. As noted below the changes include those associated with the decision on 6 February 2020 to accept non-material changes to the application.

4. An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule

An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule is provided. This is the same format as the schedule provided at Deadlines 3 and 4.

5. Progressed Statements of Common Ground and an updated Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant notes that the Rule 8 letter requests progressed statements of common ground. We therefore attach a number of unsigned statements of common ground where in the view of the Applicant that progress has been made. The status of these documents is recorded in the Statement of Commonality. We also attach signed Statements of Common Ground with Hart District Council, Southern Water, National Grid and the Environment Agency.

In the opinion of the Applicant there are several Statements of Common Ground that are close to being signed. It is felt that it would be beneficial to the Examination if all parties were aware of completed statements before the Hearings. It is therefore proposed that if both parties sign a statement before 24 February 2020 then the Applicant would submit it to the Examining Authority prior to the start of the hearings.

6. Response to Rule 17 letter dated 6 February 2020

The Applicant notes that the Examining Authority has concluded that the changes that were proposed on 18 December 2019 (**REP3-022**) are non-material and have accepted them into the examination. The Examining Authority have requested that the changed documents as a result of the acceptance of this request be submitted at Deadline 5. It is specified that this includes an updated Book of Reference. Accordingly, we attach the following

- Updated plans, which consist of amended Access and Rights of Way Plans, General Arrangement Plans, Works Plans, Land Plans, Special Category Land Plans and Access and Rights of Way Plans.
- Updated Book of Reference to address the changes. To highlight the changes we have also submitted a tracked change version of the Book of Reference. A final Book of Reference will be submitted at Deadline 7.

We confirm that the draft DCO submitted at this deadline has been amended to reflect the accepted changes in respect of logistics hubs.

The Applicant notes that all the land involved has been previously identified in the book of reference so it questions the application of the definition of “additional land” to these changes

The Applicant believes that some clarifications are required with regard to plot numbers in the Rule 17 letter:

- 1) It was not the Applicants intention to indicate that the amendment at Lower Preshaw Farm applied to plot 231. The revised land plan submitted at deadline 4 (REP4-057 – sheet 7) amends the boundary of plot 228. Whilst the Book of Reference has not caught up yet it is intended that plot 231A (as it will be) does not include any land related to the change even though it did in the original application.
- 2) The amendments at QinetiQ were intended to apply to plot 991 and plot 978B not 990 and 1001. However, on further consideration we no longer propose a change a 978B and an amended Land Plan clarifying this is included as part of this submission. The latest revised plans change the location of plot 991, but do not affect the ownership.
- 3) It was the Applicants intention that the amendments at Abbey Rangers apply to plots 1781 and 1787, not 1786 and 1787.

As requested, we have written to seek evidence that all persons with an interest in the land consent to inclusion in the development consent order as land subject to Compulsory Acquisition. We set out below progress and the letters referred to are attached to this submission.

Plot 228 – consent received from Mark Dunford and awaited from Lloyds Bank.
Plots 991– Consent received from QinetiQ, and awaited from Zayo Group.
Plots 1781 and 1787 – consent received from Surrey County Council, Abbey Rangers and Bourne Educational Trust. No more consents required.

The Applicant is asked for its views on compliance with Regulations 5-19 of the CA Regs should agreement not be forthcoming. The Applicant does not consider that these regulations are applicable because we are confident we have consent and in the event that the evidence of consent was not satisfactory to the EXA we would withdraw the amendment as we have no intention to progress these variations without consent.

7. Site Specific Plan for Ashford Town Centre.

In our deadline 4 submissions the Applicant undertook to prepare a Site-Specific Plan for Ashford Town Centre as requested by Spelthorne Borough Council at a meeting on 14 January 2020. That plan is now enclosed.

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I attach below a schedule of the documents submitted at Deadline 5. Should you have any queries on any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Schedule of Documents submitted at Deadline 5

Doc No.	Rev No	Document Title
8.67	1.0	Cover letter – Response of Applicant to Deadline 5
8.68	1.0	Applicants comments on responses to the ExA's Further Written Questions
1.5	6.0	Navigation Document
3.1	6.0	Draft Development Consent Order (Clean)
3.1	6.0	Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked change)
3.1	6.0	Draft Development Consent Order (Word)
3.2	6.0	Explanatory Memorandum (Clean)
3.2	6.0	Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked change)
8.76	1.0	Applicants Response to Interested Parties Comments on the Draft DCO at Deadline 4
8.77	1.0	Draft DCO Explanation of Changes at Deadline 5
8.9	4.0	Updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule
8.4.01	2.0	Signed SoCG with The Environment Agency
8.4.06	2.0	Draft SoCG with Portsmouth Water
8.4.07	3.0	Draft SoCG with South East Water
8.4.08	2.0	Signed SoCG with Southern Water
8.4.09	3.0	Draft SoCG with Thames Water
8.4.10	2.0	Signed SoCG with National Grid
8.4.13	2.0	Draft SoCG with Highways England
8.4.19	2.0	Draft SoCG with Southern Gas Networks Plc
8.4.23	2.0	Draft SoCG with Hampshire County Council
8.4.24	2.0	Signed SoCG with Hart District Council
8.4.28	2.0	Draft SoCG with South Downs National Park Authority
8.4.31	2.0	Draft SoCG with Surrey Heath Borough Council
8.8	4.0	A Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground
8.69	1.0	Applicant Response to Rule 17 Letter – Request B
8.70	1.0	Updated Plans - Accepted Logistic Hub Non-Material Changes - Land Plans
8.71	1.0	Updated Plans - Accepted Logistic Hub Non-Material Changes - Crown Land Plans
8.72	1.0	Updated Plans - Accepted Logistic Hub Non-Material Changes - Special Category Land Plans
8.73	1.0	Updated Plans - Accepted Logistic Hub Non-Material Changes - Access and Right of Way Plans
8.74	1.0	Updated Plans - Accepted Logistic Hub Non-Material Changes - General Arrangement Plans
8.75	1.0	Updated Plans - Accepted Logistic Hub Non-Material Changes - Work Plans
4.3	3.0	Book of Reference
4.3	3.0	Book of Reference (Tracked Change)
8.73	1.0	Site Specific Plan Ashford Town Centre.