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Applicant's Comments on Responses submitted for
Deadline 4

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1 Introduction

Report Overview

- 1.1 The Applicant has reviewed all submissions provided by Interested Parties at Deadline 4. This document provides responses to the documents submitted at deadline 4 which the Applicant wished to provide further information or clarification. These documents include comments on responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and other responses for Deadline 4 including the Rule 17 letter dated 13 January 2020. The exception to this is in respect of the applicant's responses to Interested Parties comments on the draft DCO which are a separate document (**Document Reference 8.76**).
- 1.2 The Applicant has not responded to every comment, as some points raised were addressed in its Deadline 4 submissions and it wishes to avoid unnecessary repetition. Similarly, some of the submissions have raised points that the applicant has previously addressed and it was not felt necessary to repeat the same response.



2 Applicant's Comments on Responses Submitted for Deadline 4

REP4-059 – Environment Agency

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Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) issued on Monday 13 January 2020

Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
2.0	<p>Summary of outstanding issues</p> <p>The Environment Agency confirms that the following matters have been addressed satisfactorily crossing of the Cove Brook Flood Storage Area, some flood risk issues, some Water Framework Directive issues and biodiversity net gain.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant welcomes this confirmation that these matters have been addressed satisfactorily.</p>
3.0	<p>Protective provisions</p> <p>The Environment Agency is still in discussion with the Applicant on agreeing protective provisions.</p>	<p>1.1 The protective provisions remain under discussion between the Applicant and the Environment Agency. Following a teleconference on 11 February, the Applicant provided revised drafting to the Environment Agency on 12 February. The Applicant believes that the terms of the protective provisions will shortly be agreed.</p>



REP4-059 – Environment Agency Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) issued on Monday 13 January 2020		
Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
4.0	<p>Groundwater, hydrology and contaminated land</p> <p>There is only one outstanding concern and this relates to works through active landfill sites. These sites operate under Environmental Permits, which will need to be varied as a result of the scheme.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant can confirm that a meeting is arranged for 14 February 2020 with both the Environment Agency and Brett Aggregates (Site Operator) to agree the process and programme for preparing and submitting the permit variations.</p>
5.0	<p>Water Framework Directive (WFD)</p> <p>The Environment Agency has provided the Applicant with the WFD mitigation measures for non-HMWBs on 27 January 2020 for assessment. As there are very few above ground structures as part of this scheme, the Environment Agency noted that they do not anticipate that the scheme will detrimentally impact on mitigation</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has prepared a Technical Note on the WFD mitigation measures for non-HMWBs, and this was provided to the Environment Agency as part of closing out items in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). The Technical Note is included in the SoCG provided at Deadline 5 (Document Reference 8.4.01 (2)). The Technical Note confirms that the project would not compromise the ability to implement mitigation measures for non-HMWBs in the future.</p>



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	measures for non-HMWBs, but this needs to be confirmed by the Applicant.	
6.0	<p>Watercourse timing restrictions</p> <p>The Environment Agency and the Applicant held a site visit on 30 January 2020, at five locations where open cut crossings are proposed and where a seasonal constraint could apply.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant can confirm that it has agreed amended wording to Commitment G171 with the Environment Agency, as recorded in the SoCG provided at Deadline 5 (Document Reference 8.4.01 (2)). The revised commitment will be included in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan provided at Deadline 6:</p> <p>1.2 Commitment G171 states: <i>'The ditch leading to the tributary of the River Hamble (WCX006) would be subject to constraints between 1st October to 15th May. The tributary of the River Hamble (WCX007) would be subject to constraints from 1st October to 31st December and 15th March to 15th May providing a redd survey is undertaken downstream at the end of December or beginning of January and no redds are found; should redds be found then the full timing restriction of 1st October to 15th May will be required. The Caker Stream (WCX012) and Ryebridge Stream (WCX021) would be subject to constraints between 1st October to 28th February. Any open cut crossing or in-channel works will only take place outside of the stated exclusion period. All dates are inclusive.'</i></p> <p>1.3 The Applicant is continuing discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the commitment wording for the Cove Brook and balancing this with the other constraints at this location.</p>
7.0	<p>Flood Risk</p> <p>Most of the issues that the Environment Agency raised in their Written Response</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has submitted an Outline Water Management Plan (WMP) at Deadline 4 (REP4-038). This states in paragraph 4.4.7 that <i>'Commitments G184, W5, W6 and W7 are specifically targeted at controlling the locations of stockpiles across the site but particularly near watercourses, within Flood Zone 3... These measures are proposed to reduce the risk that stockpiles inhibit the flow of flood waters or reduce flood storage capacity. To this</i></p>



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	<p>have been satisfactorily addressed and they are satisfied that much of the detail will be provided through the protective provisions.</p> <p>The Environment Agency maintain some concerns about works in high risk flood areas (Flood Zone 3), such as the storage of material. However, the Environment Agency acknowledge that the Applicant has submitted a number of new commitments or updates since our previous response which may have allayed these concerns to some degree.</p> <p>The Environment Agency feel that some further assessment may be required before this matter is fully resolved.</p>	<p><i>end, heights of stockpiles and breaks in between are specified. In addition, while installing the open cut pipe through the Cove Brook Flood Storage Area (FSA) excavated topsoil would not be stored within the FSA boundary.'</i></p> <p>1.2 With the existing trenchless crossings under a number of the main rivers and their associated floodplains and Commitment G184 stating that '<i>Stockpiles would not be located within 10m of any main rivers or ordinary watercourse crossings</i>', there would be limited risk of stockpiles being located in Flood Zone 3 outside of the River Thames floodplain (which is approximately 2km wide near Chertsey).</p> <p>1.3 In addition, Commitment W5 states, '<i>Topsoil and subsoil would be stockpiled for as short a duration as practicable within Flood Zone 3..</i>', and Commitment W6 states that '<i>Stockpiles in Flood Zone 3... would not exceed 10m between breaks. Breaks in between stockpiles would be at least 1m. Breaks would be located opposite each other on either side of the excavation where practicable.</i>'</p>



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8.0	<p>River Thames Scheme (RTS)</p> <p>The Environment Agency has requested further details from the Applicant about the costs for diverting the pipeline at a later date (i.e. during the construction of RTS), and for the Applicant to agree a pipeline location with us and Brett Aggregates (site owner).</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant is continuing to engage with the Environment Agency in respect of the interaction between the River Thames Scheme (RTS) together with the proposed and existing pipeline routes. The Applicant is assessing the engineering feasibility of installing the pipeline within this former landfill site at sufficient depth to accommodate the RTS. Alternatively, the Applicant would look to agree provisions to locally divert the pipeline at a later date in advance of the RTS construction.</p> <p>1.2 Part of the engineering feasibility assessment includes further ground investigation work by means of a borehole for which the Applicant is engaging with the landowner (Brett Aggregates) and the Environment Agency regarding the necessary permit for the borehole. This information will assist in providing an indication on likely options and cost that can be discussed with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant still considers that matters will be agreed before the end of Examination.</p>
QCA.2.5	<p>Concerns regarding the maintenance or erection or culverts (and potentially gates) either in areas of fluvial flood risk or affecting Main Rivers</p> <p>The Environment Agency is unclear whether these powers would override any requirement on the applicant to obtain a Flood Risk Activity Permit (or exemption</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant confirmed in response to Further Written Questions CA.2.5 (REP4-021) that, in order to afford access to the pipeline easement for future maintenance, the Applicant may be required to cross watercourses, such as ditches and streams, in which case there could be the need to install a temporary culvert to maintain the waterflow, whilst affording access across.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant is not intending to apply for Flood Risk Activity Permits (FRAP) as these would be disappplied by the DCO. However, the Applicant would be required to gain approval from the Environment Agency for works within areas where a FRAP would normally apply. This would apply to works undertaken both during construction or during maintenance of the pipeline.</p>



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Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	as appropriate) for such activities. If not - and a Permit would need to be applied for – we would be generally satisfied that we could control these activities through permitting.	
FR.2.1 / FR.2.6	<p>Winter Highs / Climate Change</p> <p>The Environment Agency has confirmed that they satisfied that these have been addressed.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant welcomes this confirmation that these matters have been addressed satisfactorily.</p>
FR.2.5	<p>Comment on the Applicant's approach to monitoring and managing well water in the event of a significant spill.</p> <p>The Environment Agency agrees with the proposals but recommend that a firmer commitment should be made about how quickly samples will be taken. We suggest</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has submitted an Outline Emergency Action Plan (EAP) at Deadline 4 (REP4-037) which contains further details about what would happen in the case of a significant spill. Paragraph 4.3.3 states:</p> <p><i>'In accordance with commitment W12, in the event of a pollution incident with the potential to affect Private Water Supplies (PWS) the following procedure would be in place:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>all landowners/tenants within 250m of the spill would be contacted within 24 hours to determine if there are any PWS that might be affected;</i> • <i>an assessment of the likelihood of groundwater contamination supplying identified PWS would be undertaken;</i>



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Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<p>that within 2-3 working days would be a reasonable requirement.</p> <p>The Environment Agency also suggest that if an impact is detected that the Applicant would need to consider remediation and/or further monitoring as well as ceasing abstraction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>monitoring of nearby boreholes and well water would be undertaken for a determined period of time, taking into account pollution travel time in groundwater, to determine whether pollution has occurred; and</i> • <i>where appropriate, an initial remediation plan would be discussed and agreed with the relevant regulatory authorities.'</i> <p>1.2 The Outline EAP contains the commitment to undertake a remediation plan and to agree this with the relevant regulatory authorities.</p> <p>1.3 In addition, for clarity, the Applicant will add the text from the response to FR.1.21 (REP2-043) to the Outline EAP and will include reference to 2-3 working days in terms of how quickly samples will be taken. The updated Outline EAP will be submitted at Deadline 6.</p>
FR.2.7	<p>Flood Zone 3</p> <p>The Environment Agency has not yet had the opportunity to review all of the latest flood risk information provided by the applicant and believe there are still some outstanding matters (e.g. stockpiling) where they require further clarity and/or assessment. However, they do not foresee any 'showstopper' issues regarding fluvial flood</p>	<p>1.1 See response above to point 7 above.</p>



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Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	risk, acknowledging that the applicant has no choice but to undertake some works in areas of high fluvial flood risk.	



REP4-060 – Environment Agency

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November 2019 Standard Protective Provisions - EM amends 17th January 2020 (attached to email with letter)		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Standard Protective Provisions</p> <p>The Environment Agency has provided a copy of the proposed Protective Provisions.</p>	<p>1.1 The protective provisions remain under discussion between the Applicant and the Environment Agency. Following a teleconference on 11 February, the Applicant provided revised drafting to the Environment Agency on 12 February. The Applicant believes that the terms of the protective provisions will shortly be agreed.</p>



REP4-063 – Natural England

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Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) issued on Monday 13 January 2020		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<p>Answers to Written Questions</p> <p>Natural England's responses to Written Questions related to EIP, priority habitat and HRA (including SANGs)</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant welcomes the responses from Natural England on these matters.</p>



REP4-064 – Natural England

REP4-064 – Natural England		
Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
A1-A5	<p>Turf Hill</p> <p>Natural England answers questions relating to the route options at Turf Hill and the information provided to the Applicant on the habitats present.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant confirms that this is an accurate reflection of discussions between the parties, as set out within the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England provided at Deadline 1 (REP1-005). The Applicant confirms that the information provided by Natural England was considered when choosing the preferred route alignment at Turf Hill, as set out in the response to First Written Question TH.1.5 (REP2-049).</p>
B1-B4	<p>SANGs</p> <p>Natural England summarises the discussions it has had with the Applicant on SANGs. They also say that the impacts to SANGs during construction are short term temporary impacts and that won't lead to integrity issues on the SPA.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant confirms that this is an accurate reflection of discussions between the parties as set out within the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England provided at Deadline 1 (REP1-005). The Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Report concluded that no impacts are predicted that could result in an adverse effect to the site's integrity as a result of the short duration and limited extent of works within affected SANGs (paragraph 5.8.29 in the HRA Report (Application Document APP-130)).</p>
C1-C2	<p>Environmental Investment Programme (EIP)</p> <p>Natural England summarises their understanding of the</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant confirms that this is an accurate reflection of the purpose, status and understanding of the EIP programme, as set out in its response to Further Written Question BIO.2.2 (REP4-020).</p>



REP4-064 – Natural England

Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	purposes, status and relevance of the EIP	



REP4-066 – Hart District Council

REP4-066 – Hart District Council Response to Rule 17 Request for Further Information		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
FR.1.16	<p>Location of Private Water Supplies</p> <p>The Council is not aware of any request for the location of private water supplies. In any event, this is not information that the Council holds. Groundwater abstraction licences fall within the remit of the Environment Agency.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant first requested this data from the local authority as part of a comprehensive data request on 2 March 2018. Some of the data requested was received on 26 April 2018. The email of the same date also indicates that the local authority did not hold data on private water supplies, please see attached email at Appendix A of this document. Remaining data requests were followed up with the land quality data being received on 5 December 2018. This authority has consistently stated that it does not hold any data on the location of private water supplies.</p> <p>1.2 As set out in the Applicant's response to question FR.1.16 (REP2-043) and paragraph 8.2.30 in the Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 8 (Application Document APP-048), the Applicant acknowledges that the dataset is likely to be incomplete. As such, commitments G144 and W12 have been developed. These are now both secured by the Outline Water Management Plan (REP4-038) which is an appendix to the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (REP4-036).</p>
PC1.26	<p>Hartland Village</p> <p>The Council understands that the applicant and St Edwards have effectively resolved the issue. It understands that the size of the logistics hub is to be reduced and that the applicant has signed a land agreement with the landowner. On that</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant confirms that this is also its understanding. A letter from St Edwards submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-088) also confirms the position.</p>



REP4-066 – Hart District Council Response to Rule 17 Request for Further Information		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	basis the Council has no concerns to raise.	
SANGS	<p>SANGS Crookham Park SANG and Queen Elizabeth Barracks SANG are the same SANG.</p> <p>The Council has no outstanding concerns about SANG.</p>	1.1 The Applicant notes that the Council has no outstanding concerns about the works in SANG.



REP4-069 – Runnymede Borough Council

The Applicant notes the comments raised by the authority and has addressed a number of these in responses to other authorities. There is one point below which the Applicant has identified as requiring a response

REP4-069– Runnymede Borough Council

Deadline 4 Submission - Runnymede BC's response to ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) issued on 13 January 2020

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
LV 2.7	Use of the NJUG guidance	1.1 The Applicant notes that the Council has reviewed both the BS 5837 and NJUG guidance, which cross-refer to each other, and that NJUG provides specific guidance on how utilities should be installed in proximity to trees.



REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council

REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Para 1.1 to 1.4	<p>Adequacy of the HRA</p> <p>The Council provided comments on the adequacy of the HRA, including the Council's assessment of the adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, concluding that the HRA conclusions cannot be held to be beyond reasonable scientific doubt or contain precise scientific findings.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its legal response on the Council's outline legal submissions on HRA and SANG issues at Deadline 4 (REP4-032) and refers to that document in response to the Council's comments. It also notes the position of Natural England.</p>
Para 2.1 to 2.11	<p>Impacts on the SANG network</p> <p>Council does not agree with the Applicant's assessment of impacts upon the SANG network.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its legal response on the Council's outline legal submissions on HRA and SANG issues at Deadline 4 (REP4-032), and responded to ExA questions on SANGs (REP4-029) and refers to those documents in response to the Council's comments.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant would like to emphasise that it has committed to maintaining access along principle pedestrian routes within the SANG during construction, with only short-term temporary closure or diversions whilst pipeline construction works cross the paths. The Applicant notes the network of pedestrian routes proposed within the SANG by the Council and considers that these offer potential alternative routes whilst any short duration works</p>



REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
		affect a path. As a result, a circular path would be maintained during the construction period. The Applicant considers that the Council's comments relating to impacts on access to and within the SANG are overstated.
Para 3.1	<p>In-combination impacts on SPA of habitat loss and visitor displacement from SANG</p> <p>The Council does not agree with the Applicant's in-combination assessment or any conclusion reached based on the assessment.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its legal response on the Council's outline legal submissions on HRA and SANG issues at Deadline 4 (REP4-032), and responded to ExA questions on SANGs (REP4-029). The Applicant's legal response sets out its position regarding habitat loss during construction and the displacement of users from SANG to the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (TBH SPA) in the context of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report (Application Documents APP-130 and APP-131).</p> <p>1.2 With regard to in-combination effects, the Applicant has undertaken an in-combination effects or inter-project cumulative effect assessment on the TBH SPA as reported in Appendix E of the HRA Report (Application Document APP-131).</p> <p>1.3 The criteria for determining the longlist of projects and the longlist used within the assessment was included within a technical note that was issued to the relevant local planning authorities, including Rushmoor Borough Council, for comment on 18 January 2019.</p> <p>1.4 The HRA Report concludes that it is considered that there is no viable potential for in-combination effects to undermine the integrity of the European site. Natural England has confirmed its satisfaction with the project's HRA, and has not raised any issue with the HRA Report. Natural England has completed and signed a Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant which has been submitted (REP1-005).</p>



REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Paras 4.1 to 4.15	<p>Adequacy of Biodiversity Surveys</p> <p>The Council provided detailed comments on the Applicant's biodiversity surveys, including habitat surveys, bats, otters, reptiles, badgers, birds, and protected habitats (including trees and hedgerows)</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant's response on these points is outlined in its comments on the Council's response to BIO.2.19 previously within this document.</p>
Paras 5.1 to 5.2	<p>Ancient woodland at Old Ively Road</p> <p>The Council asks for confirmation from the Applicant that the narrow working would cover the entire tree line as parts of notable trees are not covered by the narrow working</p>	<p>1.1 The Council's statement '<i>that within the updated arrangement plans narrow working only covers part of the (Old Ively) road</i>', implies that the extent of the narrow working area has been reduced. The extent of NW15 has not changed since the application and this can be found on Sheet 103 of the General Arrangement Plans (REP4-005). It covers the section of Old Ively Road that lies within the Cody Technology Park.</p> <p>1.2 As requested by the ExA, the Applicant has shown the width of the Narrow Working as applied to the current intended pipeline alignment. The intended alignment is in Comet Road rather than Old Ively Road. This alignment will avoid the mature trees which have high and moderate potential for bats.</p> <p>1.3 Elsewhere along Old Ively Road, the Applicant had reduced the Order Limits to ensure that the working area is narrowed and therefore an additional narrow working commitment is not required.</p>



REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council
Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>Paras 5.3 to 5.4</p>	<p>Priority habitats</p> <p>The Council highlights a number of priority habitats within the Order Limits and suggests that mitigation should be required for any priority habitats lost specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential ancient woodland at Old Ively Road; • European dry heath at Thursley, Ash Pirbright and Chobham Common SAC; • Acid grassland, rush pasture, wet woodland and floodplain grazing marsh at Southwood Country Park; and • Broadleaf woodland at Queen Elizabeth Park. 	<p>1.1 The Applicant wishes to reiterate again the difference between habitat being located within Order Limits, and habitat potentially impacted by construction works, given the commitments to narrow working, trenchless techniques and other measures at specific locations. No significant effects were assessed in relation to biodiversity in the ES, and therefore no mitigation is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Ively Road: The Applicant has not identified potential ancient woodland adjacent to or within the Order Limits at this location. • Thursley, Ash Pirbright and Chobham SAC: The Applicant responded at Deadline 4 to say that approximately 1.85ha of European dry heath would be affected (response to BIO.2.27 (REP4-020)). • Southwood Country Park: The Applicant surveyed this area as part of the phase 1 habitat survey when the majority of the site was classed as amenity grassland (Application Document APP-080 and APP-081). Rushmoor Borough Council has noted that the baseline habitats at this site are changing as a result of the cessation as a golf course. Through the Site Specific Plan (SSP) for Southwood Country Park submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-052), the Applicant has committed to further survey this site in advance of construction to inform the reinstatement of the site. Compliance with the SSP is secured through Requirement 17 of the draft DCO (REP4-006). However, in the meantime, the Applicant welcomes updated survey results that the Council has undertaken at this site to inform the habitat quantities provided in their response. • Queen Elizabeth Park: The Applicant has submitted a SSP for QEP (REP4-049) which states that approximately 30 non-mature trees will need to be removed based on the current intended pipeline alignment. These are trees of lower arboricultural value and are in areas previously discussed with the Council as benefitting from some tree removal.



REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Para 5.5	<p>TPO trees</p> <p>The Council indicates that it has identified all TPO trees missing from the Applicant's plans. A map will follow at Deadline 5.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant's response regarding TPO trees is outlined in its comments on the Council's response to LV.2.4 previously within this document.</p>
Para 5.6	<p>Important hedgerows</p> <p>The Council now accepts that there is only a single important hedgerow in the Order Limits within its administrative boundary. It requests that this hedgerow is conserved in its entirety.</p>	<p>1.1 The Council's reference to a single hedge is understood to be a reference to HCX218 (a hedgerow bounding Southwood playing fields).</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant does not have a final pipeline alignment at this stage. The Applicant has committed to removal of a maximum of 10m of hedgerow (through commitment O1 within the CoCP (REP4-012) and Outline LEMP (REP4-035)), and its full reinstatement (through commitments G93 and G94 within the CoCP and Outline LEMP). The CoCP is secured through Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (Document Reference 3.1 (6)). The Outline LEMP is secured through Requirement 12 of the draft DCO (Document Reference 3.1 (6)). Under Requirement 12, the final LEMP must be in accordance with the Outline LEMP (REP4-035).</p>
Paras 7.1 to 7.3	<p>Mitigation and monitoring including Net Gain and enhancements</p> <p>The Council provides comments on mitigation, monitoring and net gain, including on the Applicant's EIP and the Council's</p>	<p>1.1 The Council's comments on mitigation, monitoring and net gain contain a series of erroneous or misleading statements.</p> <p>1.2 The Council's response appears to suggest that the Applicant's Environmental Investment Program (EIP) is mitigation. This is not the case. The Applicant has been very clear that the EIP does not form part of its application as mitigation. The EIP is a voluntary programme and is additional to any mitigation that is required and secured under the terms of the DCO.</p>



REP4-071 – Rushmoor Borough Council Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	request for a s106 agreement to secure mitigation.	<p>1.3 The project has identified the significant effects associated with the replacement pipeline in the Environmental Statement (ES), and appropriate mitigation is set out in Chapter 16 of the ES (Application Document APP-056) and secured in the DCO. The Applicant does not consider that the legal requirements and evidential requirements for a separate planning obligation have been met.</p> <p>1.4 The Council indicates that the first time it has had sight of the EIP document was in December 2019. Whilst the Applicant's EIP report was published in December 2019, the Applicant has been in discussions with Rushmoor Borough Council regarding its EIP proposals since before the submission of the application for development consent in May 2019. A copy of the EIP proposal and accompanying plans for Rushmoor were presented to the Council at a meeting on 11 September 2019.</p> <p>1.5 The Council's comments indicate that, at the meeting held on 15 January 2020, the Applicant was unwilling to discuss mitigation to be secured by an s106 agreement and continued to promote the EIP. This statement is not correct and is misleading. The Applicant explained in this meeting that, as the land is in the Council's ownership, a landowner agreement was the appropriate legal securing mechanism. The Council agreed to consider this further. The Applicant has not yet received a response with regard to this. Furthermore, as the Applicant has made clear, the EIP is not mitigation.</p>
Paras 7.4 to 7.10	<p>Compulsory acquisition and temporary possession</p> <p>The Council provided detailed comments on the option agreement and draft deed of grant.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has used a single precedent option and deed agreement for all prospective grantors as the majority of the terms within will remain the same for all parties. The Applicant is however willing to consider alterations to the terms to reflect the grantor's land types, uses and requirements. The Applicant wrote to the Council on 22 January 2020 with suggested amendments and is yet to receive a response. The Applicant understands that the Council is preparing specific amendments to the plans and is awaiting those terms so that the agreements can be progressed.</p>



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		<p>1.2 The Applicant has submitted an up-to-date compulsory acquisition schedule at Deadline 5 (Document reference 8.9 (4)).</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant has outlined its approach to retain existing trees where practicable in the Outline LEMP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-035) which also commits to the project replanting lost trees during the next available planting season. The Outline LEMP sets out that woodland shrub species will be planted in the narrow pipeline easement.</p> <p>1.4 On 22 January 2020, the Applicant has clarified via the terms of the draft deed of grant to Rushmoor Borough Council that sports pitch maintenance operations within 600 millimetres of the surface of the Easement Strip can be undertaken without the Applicant's consent. Maintenance works at a greater depth will require the Applicant's written consent to ensure that works are planned and completed to avoid damage to the pipeline. Sports pitches are actively used and maintained on the Applicant's existing pipeline network. The Applicant is yet to receive a response from the Council.</p> <p>1.5 The Applicant assumes that by unaffected land the Council means Council land in the vicinity of but not affected by the easement. The Applicant understands that, further to its commitments within the LEMP, the Council is presently drafting its reinstatement requirements.</p>
Paras 8.1 to 8.11	<p>Comments on drafting of DCO Articles and Requirements</p> <p>The Council provided comments on the drafting of the DCO.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has provided a response to interested parties comments on the draft DCO at Deadline 4 (Document Reference 8.76).</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Paras 9.1	<p>Loss of tree cover at Queen Elizabeth Park</p> <p>The Council provided comments regarding loss of non-mature trees at QEP and the impact on biodiversity.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant submitted a Site Specific Plan (SSP) for Queen Elizabeth Park at Deadline 4 (REP4-049), setting out details on potential impacts, construction techniques and mitigation measures in this area. The SSP is secured through Requirement 17 of the draft DCO (REP4-006).</p> <p>1.2 As indicated in the SSP, the non-mature trees that would need to be removed, based on the current intended pipe alignment, are trees of a lower arboricultural value and are in areas previously discussed with Rushmoor Borough Council as benefitting from some tree removal. The installation will not require the removal of any mature or veteran trees.</p> <p>1.3 In a meeting between the Applicant and Rushmoor Borough Council on 23 November 2018 at QEP, the Council's Biodiversity Officer indicated they did not have significant concerns regarding biodiversity impacts to woodland at QEP. At this meeting, the Council's Biodiversity Officer considered that the woodland is in poor ecological condition and would benefit from the removal of rhododendron and secondary woodland thinning. The Applicant took the Council's Biodiversity Officer's comments into account in the development of the proposals within QEP. It should be noted that the width of the Order Limits have not changed since this meeting.</p>
Para 9.2 to 9.4	<p>Tree protection measures</p> <p>The Council considers the British Standard 5837:2012 rather than NJUG should be applied. The Council provided comments regarding the shuttering of</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its response to ExA question LV.2.7 at Deadline 4 (REP4-025) regarding tree protection measures. The Applicant refers to that document in response to the Council's comments. As stated in that response, the Applicant does not accept that BS5837:2012 is more rigorous than the NJUG4 guidelines in terms of tree protection fencing.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant does not agree with the Council's comments regarding the shuttering of trenches. The Council's comments appear to assume the only method to stabilise a trench would be with sheet piles. Given the size of the pipe and trench, the Applicant believes that it would be possible to stabilise a trench while working among trees roots without</p>



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	trenches and severance of tree roots.	having to sever them. Shuttering will be of a bespoke design where required to accommodate local obstructions.
Paras 9.5 to 9.8 and 9.10	<p>QEP – HDD alternative techniques and access from A325</p> <p>The Council welcomes new access from A325 but has concerns over damage resulting from this. Council also welcomes consideration of HDD through QEP, though has inconsistency concerns over tree loss and requests clarification over the duration of this process through QEP and whether the same drill pit used along the railway may be feasible to use. Council propose the temporary loss of allotments and school playing fields as preferable to tree loss at QEP and/or Farnborough Hill.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has provided a response on the potential use of HDD within QEP in its submission to the ExA's Further Written Questions on QEP at Deadline 4 (REP4-027).</p> <p>1.2 However, in respect of the access from the A325, there will be no loss of mature trees associated with the access for the auger bore receiving area. Equipment storage is proposed around the retained trees with the use of suitable ground protection to ensure that roots are appropriately protected.</p> <p>1.3 Any assertion that the reception pits or areas have become compounds or have expanded is not correct. The western gates to the A325 auger bore receiving area are for safety and are not intended for vehicle access.</p> <p>1.4 The Applicant notes that this is the first time that RBC has suggested the use of the Prospect Road allotments in order to provide space for plant/equipment to facilitate HDD under QEP. The majority of the Prospect Road allotments are currently located outside of the Order Limits and therefore the use suggested by RBC would not be possible. It is not known if the Council has consulted with allotment holders relating to its suggestion.</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Para 9.9	<p>Impacts on Farnborough Hill Conservation Area</p> <p>The Council provided comments on the potential impacts on Farnborough Hill Conservation Area, noting that its Historic Officer is “more concerned about tree loss within Queen Elizabeth Park”.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant notes RBC’s revised position with respect to impacts on the Conservation Area. In the Applicant’s Deadline 4 submission on QE Park (REP4-027), the Applicant confirms that tree loss in QE Park from Open Cut has been minimised and would be outweighed by the tree loss from HDD.</p>
Para 9.11	<p>Alternative access through QEP</p> <p>The Council states that it would not be appropriate for an alternative lighted surface path through QEP to be provided during construction due to impacts on ecology of the park. The Council would be happy for the public and commuters to access the unmade path for the duration of the works.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant was considering the installation of temporary lighting of the alternative path during construction because of discussions with the authority related to like for like reinstatement. This would have been secured through the landowner agreement the Council being the owner of Queen Elizabeth Park.</p> <p>1.2 If the Council is stating it does not wish temporary lighting or footpath surfacing of the unmade path during construction, the Applicant confirms it won’t implement these measures.</p> <p>1.3 In terms of reinstatement of the southern path, which is currently lit, the reinstatement of this path would include replacement lighting and the Applicant would welcome the Council’s suggestions for this lighting.</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Para 9.12	<p>Alternative QEP play area</p> <p>The Council notes that discussions with the Applicant are ongoing.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant held a site meeting with a potential play equipment supplier and the Councils Park Manager on 11 February. It was a constructive meeting that considered the potential placement of a temporary play provision within the park outside of the Order Limits, suggested by the Park Manager, that would not require any tree removal.</p>
Para 9.13	<p>Meeting with Friends of QEP</p> <p>The Council states it has “no recollection of being asked to arrange a meeting with this group” with the Applicant.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant assumes that the Council’s reference to ‘Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park Community Group’ is actually referring to the ‘Neighbours and Users of Queen Elizabeth Park’. However, the Applicant would welcome confirmation of this from the Council.</p> <p>1.2 Following the Open Floor Hearing on 25 November 2019, Mr Jarman stated, “I am here representing the neighbours and users of Queen Elizabeth Park, and my reference number is 20022545. The group that I represent is beginning to be set up as an official community group, and Rushmoor Borough Council is backing us fully in that.”</p> <p>1.3 Following the Issue Specific Hearings on Environmental Matters, the Applicant wrote to Rushmoor Borough Council to request their support in setting up a meeting, on the understanding that the group was in the process of being set up with the support of the Council. See attached email at Appendix B to support this. The email states: <i>“I think you were also going to check the composition/contact details for the Queen Elizabeth Park community group that is already established, or if the Council is supporting its establishment, as we would like through the Council to arrange a meeting with the group”.</i></p> <p>1.4 The Applicant notes Rushmoor Borough Council’s Deadline 4 submission (REP4-071), which states: <i>‘In relation to ESSO meeting with the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park Community Group the council has no recollection of being asked to arrange a meeting with the group. The</i></p>



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		<i>ecologist has now discussed this with the group and they do not wish to meet with ESSO at this time, though may do so in the future'.</i>
Para 11.1	<p>Blackwater valley crossing</p> <p>The Council notes it remains extremely concerned regarding the lack of detail in respect of the potential trenched crossing of the former landfill in the Blackwater valley and considers it imperative that construction details and method of working, and pollution prevention methods are submitted and included in the Outline CEMP, and secured in the DCO.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant's intention is to cross the Blackwater valley using a trenchless technique. The Applicant is working with engineering specialists to design a solution which is both workable and reduces any potential risks to pollution or disturbance to this sensitive area.</p> <p>1.2 In the event of an open trench crossing of the Blackwater Valley being adopted as the final construction methodology, the CEMP (and appendices) and LEMP would detail the construction proposals for this works item, including details of reinstatement, all to be submitted for the approval of the relevant planning authority(s). This is secured by DCO Requirements 6 (CEMP) and 12 (LEMP).</p>



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Para 12.1	<p>Habitat restoration within Southwood Country Park</p> <p>The Council highlights concerns over habitat restoration within the site, including of acid grassland, flood grazing marsh and Molina and Rush Pasture, stating it would take 5 years to recover. Concerns also expressed about loss of grassland seed.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant submitted its Outline LEMP (REP4-035) and Site Specific Plan for Southwood Country Park (REP4-052) at Deadline 4, both of which provide additional clarification on proposed reinstatement. The Authority's comments on these documents are awaited.</p> <p>1.2 In relation to the expressed concerns on loss of grassland seed, there is no evidence that the seedbank in this location would not remain viable for the short period of time that the topsoil would be stored. In discussion over the restoration of conservation grassland in neighbouring Council areas, the managing organisations have specifically requested that the seedbank is allowed to regenerate in preference to using additional seed. The Applicant has confirmed in paragraph 3.8.3 of REP4-052 that <i>'Where the topsoil has been stripped and stored adjacent to the excavation, this will then be replaced after the works have been completed and either seeded with an appropriate conservation seed mix or left for natural regeneration, following discussion with Rushmoor Borough Council's Biodiversity Officer and informed by the updated surveys.'</i></p>
Para 13.1	<p>Other sites</p> <p>The Council states that the Applicant did not provide any further information in response to its concerns on Southwood Country Park, Southwood Playing Fields and Farnborough Gate.</p>	<p>1.1 The revised CoCP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-012) includes generic methodologies for construction of the project, including within sports pitches. The CoCP is secured under Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (REP4-006).</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant submitted a Site Specific Plan (SSP) for Southwood Country Park at Deadline 4 (REP4-052), setting out details on potential impacts, construction techniques and proposed reinstatement in this area. The SSP for Southwood Country Park is secured through Requirement 17 of the draft DCO.</p> <p>1.3 In respect of Southwood Playing Fields, on 22 January 2020 the Applicant has clarified via the terms of the draft deed of grant to Rushmoor Borough Council that sports pitch maintenance operations within 600 millimetres of the surface of the Easement Strip can be undertaken without the Applicant's consent. Maintenance works at a greater depth will</p>



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		<p>require the Applicant's written consent to ensure that works are planned and completed to avoid damage to the pipeline. Sports pitches are actively used and maintained on the Applicant's existing pipeline network. The Applicant is yet to receive a response from the Council.</p> <p>1.4 The Applicant has commented on Sport England's response to the ExA's written questions (REP4-087), including in respect of Southwood Sports Pitches and Cove Cricket Club, and Farnborough Gate Sports Ground.</p> <p>1.5 The Applicant notes that, with regard to Southwood Sports Pitches and Cove Cricket Club, Sport England is satisfied that the proposed pipeline route will not adversely affect the club's ability to use their ground for matches or training during the construction period.</p> <p>1.6 With regard to Farnborough Gate Sports Ground, the Applicant has identified the teams using this pitch and is committed to working with any displaced teams to find alternative sports facilities locally as necessary. The Applicant is also happy to work with Hampshire FA and Sport England as necessary. The Applicant would compensate any displaced teams to cover any additional costs incurred.</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
BIO.2.16	<p>Protected Species</p> <p>The Council provided draft wording for an additional DCO Requirement on updated surveys and protected species.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant considers that the suggested additional requirement is not necessary.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant's approach to environmental pre-construction surveys, including in relation to protected species, is set out in section 2.3 of the Outline CEMP (REP4-036). The CEMP is secured under Requirement 6 of the Draft DCO, and the final CEMP must be in accordance with the Outline CEMP. The local authority approves the final CEMP pursuant to this requirement.</p> <p>1.3 As set out in the Outline CEMP, baseline environmental surveys were undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment and were recorded within the Environmental Statement. Further pre-construction surveys would be required in areas where the existing baseline survey data need to be updated or supplemented (Commitment G33).</p> <p>1.4 Paragraph 2.3.2 of the Outline CEMP provides an overview of what would be included in the scope of the pre-construction surveys. In addition to species-specific surveys, a walkover survey would be undertaken to validate existing information no more than three months prior to submission of any protected species licence applications to check for any further changes.</p> <p>1.5 The Site Specific Plan (SSP) for Southwood Country Park submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-052) confirms in paragraphs 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 that additional pre-construction surveys would be undertaken in summer 2020. Compliance with the SSP is secured through Requirement 17 of the draft DCO (REP4-006).</p>



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		<p>1.6 The project would be run in compliance with all relevant legislation, consents and permits in accordance with Commitment G44 of the CoCP (REP4-012). This includes compliance with relevant protected species legislation as referred to in Commitment G43 of the CoCP, including obtaining '<i>licences ... from Natural England for all works affecting protected species as identified by the Environmental Statement and through pre-construction surveys. All applicable works would be undertaken in accordance with the relevant mitigation requirements and conditions set out in those licences.</i>' The CoCP is secured under Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (Document Reference 3.1 (6)).</p> <p>1.7 The ES has not identified significant effects for biodiversity, including on protected species, and therefore mitigation strategies are not required.</p> <p>1.8 Given the above, the Applicant considers that the requirement proposed by the Council is not necessary.</p> <p>1.9 The scope of the ecological surveys was set out within Appendix 3 of the Scoping Report (Additional Submission AS-019). The scope of the ecological surveys and environmental impact assessment were informed by the Scoping Opinion (Additional Submission AS-018), provided by the Planning Inspectorate in September 2018, on behalf of the Secretary of State, following the submission of the Scoping Report. The scope was also informed through engagement with relevant consultees including Natural England and the local planning authorities (LPAs).</p> <p>1.10 The scope of all of the ecological surveys was discussed with Natural England, which in the signed Statement of Common Ground (REP1-005) confirms '<i>that the scope and methods of the ecological surveys are appropriate.</i>'</p>



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		<p>1.11 The project held an EIA Scoping Workshop on 30 August 2018 in support of the Planning Inspectorate's scoping consultation. The Council's Biodiversity Officer attended this workshop (see draft Statement of Common Ground REP2-031).</p> <p>1.12 There was no comment on the scope of the ecological surveys raised by Rushmoor Borough Council within their Scoping response (Additional Submission AS-018). The Council's Biodiversity Officer was copied in to the email sent to the project providing the Council's Scoping response and no additional concerns or comments were received by the Applicant.</p> <p>1.13 The ecological surveys were carried out in line with the scope and methodology set out in the Scoping Report, as amended following the Scoping Opinion and engagement with consultees and LPAs.</p> <p>1.14 The Council state that they have additional data on protected species in their response. The Applicant is happy to review and consider this information, if it is provided by the Council.</p>
<p>BIO.2.19</p>	<p>Adequacy of Biodiversity Surveys</p> <p>The Council provided detailed comments on the Applicant's biodiversity surveys, including habitat surveys, bats, otters, reptiles, badgers, birds, and</p>	<p>1.1 The scope of the ecological surveys was set out within Appendix 3 of the Scoping Report (Additional Submission AS-019). The scope of the ecological surveys and environmental impact assessment were informed by the Scoping Opinion (Additional Submission AS-018), provided by the Planning Inspectorate in September 2018, on behalf of the Secretary of State, following the submission of the Scoping Report. The scope was also informed through engagement with relevant consultees including Natural England and the local planning authorities (LPAs).</p>



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	protected habitats (including trees and hedgerows)	<p>1.2 The scope of all of the ecological surveys was discussed with Natural England, which in the signed Statement of Common Ground (REP1-005) confirms <i>'that the scope and methods of the ecological surveys are appropriate.'</i></p> <p>1.3 The project held an EIA Scoping Workshop on 30 August 2018 in support of the Planning Inspectorate's scoping consultation. The Council's Biodiversity Officer attended this workshop (see draft Statement of Common Ground REP2-031).</p> <p>1.4 There was no comment on the scope of the ecological surveys raised by Rushmoor Borough Council within their Scoping response (Additional Submission AS-018). The Council's Biodiversity Officer was copied in to the email sent to the project providing the Council's Scoping response and no additional concerns or comments were received by the Applicant.</p> <p>1.5 The ecological surveys were carried out in line with the scope and methodology set out in the Scoping Report, as amended following the Scoping Opinion and engagement with consultees and LPAs.</p> <p>1.6 The Council state that they have additional data on protected species in their response. The Applicant is happy to review and consider this information, if it is provided by the Council.</p>



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<p>DCO.2.1 DCO.2.6 DCO.2.13 DCO.2.15 DCO.2.17 DCO.2.24 DCO.2.25 DCO.2.27 DCO.2.28</p>	<p>Comments on drafting of DCO Articles and Requirements</p> <p>The Council provided comments on the drafting of the DCO in response to the ExA questions</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has provided a response to interested parties' comments on the draft DCO submitted at deadline 4 (see Document Reference 8.76).</p>
<p>DCO.2.14</p>	<p>Use of the Word "based upon" in draft requirements wording</p> <p>The Council considered that "substantially in accordance" or "in accordance" should be used instead.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant amended the wording of the relevant draft requirements in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-006) to be "in accordance" with.</p>



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<p>LV.2.4</p>	<p>Tree replacement planting The Council considers that the Applicant's proposals for tree mitigation planting in the countryside to mitigate loss of TPO trees in urban areas is not acceptable mitigation. The Council considers a biodiversity offsetting calculation should be undertaken and delivery of off-site mitigation secured through a s106 agreement.</p>	<p>1.1 Based on the TPO data provided by Rushmoor Borough Council, there is only one TPO (made up of two individual oak trees – TPO Reference 07/00437/ORDER 437) in Schedule 8 of the draft DCO which is within the Order Limits and could be felled as a result of the project. These trees are located above a trenchless section of the installation and therefore are not expected to require removal. However, if their removal was necessary, due to complications with the location of adjacent drill pit, then the Applicant is expecting to replace these in situ and would not require off-site planting to compensate the loss.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant noted the Council's response at Deadline 2 (REP2-081) where they stated that there were a number of TPOs missing but did not provide the specific locations. The Applicant has identified missing TPOs within the Order Limits near to Ship Lane Cemetery (G1, T7, T8 and T9). The Applicant is not expecting to remove these trees.</p>
<p>LV.2.6</p>	<p>Specialist arboriculturalist advice The Council considers that a suitably qualified arboricultural supervisor must be engaged to monitor tree protection measures, works to trees, and all works within root protection areas.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant's personnel will be appropriately qualified.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant's CoCP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-012), and secured through Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (REP4-006), confirms at paragraph 2.10.7 that '<i>The Environmental Clerk of Works and arboriculturalist will provide advice when any works to trees such as branch removal are required</i>'. This is reflected in the Site Specific Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park (REP4-049), and the Site Specific Plan for Southwood Country Park (REP4-052), both of which are secured through Requirement 17 of the draft DCO (REP4-006).</p>



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		<p>1.3 Furthermore, in response to ExA written question LV.1.12, the Applicant amended commitment G86 within the CoCP submitted at Deadline 2 (REP2-010) to refer to an 'experienced arboriculturalist':</p> <p><i>'Works to notable, TPO and veteran trees, where at risk of damage, would be supervised by the ECoW and supported by an experienced arboriculturalist.'</i></p> <p>1.4 This commitment remains as worded above in the CoCP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-012).</p>
<p>LV2.7</p>	<p>Tree protection measures</p> <p>The Council considers the British Standard 5837:2012 rather than NJUG should be applied. The Council provided comments regarding the shuttering of trenches and severance of tree roots.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its response to ExA question LV.2.7 at Deadline 4 (REP4-025) and refers to that document in response to the Council's comments.</p> <p>1.2 The Council states that <i>'any shuttered trench deeper than 1m would necessarily sever all roots'</i>. The Applicant doesn't agree with this statement. This would appear to assume the only method to stabilise a trench would be with sheet piles. Given the size of the pipe and trench, the Applicant believes that it would be possible to stabilise a trench while working among trees roots without having to sever them. Shuttering will be of a bespoke design where required to accommodate local obstructions.</p>
<p>LV.2.8</p>	<p>Planting Mitigation</p> <p>The Council responded to the ExA's questions, including on the use of "where practicable" in commitment G87.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant responded to LV.2.8 at Deadline 4 (REP4-025) providing additional explanation of its approach, and has submitted amended draft DCO wording for the related Requirement 8 at Deadline 4 (REP4-006).</p>



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<p>PC.2.1</p>	<p>Noise mitigation and the use of echo fencing</p> <p>The Council will review the Applicant's updated noise assessment due to be submitted at Deadline 4, but would add West Heath Road, Prospect Road, Union Street and Tarn Close/Ively Road as all locations are close to trenchless crossings.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant believes that mitigation should be evidence based. The Applicant has carried out a noise assessment and has a commitment to provide acoustic screening where significant noise effects have been identified (G107). The Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan Revision 1.0 (REP4-041) provides the location details as to where noise mitigation is required based on the assessment.</p> <p>1.2 Should the construction details result in a change in noise mitigation, a revision to the Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be agreed with the local planning authority. A final updated Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be submitted as part of the discharge of Requirement 6 for the CEMP, for approval by the relevant planning authority.</p>
<p>PC.2.7</p>	<p>Potential additional requirement</p> <p>The Council provided wording for an additional requirement relating to sports pitches.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant does not accept the Council's proposed requirement is necessary over and above the method statement included as Section 2.13 of the CoCP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-012), which is secured under Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (REP4-006). The Council has not provided an explanation for why such a requirement would be necessary and how it would meet the other tests for requirements, as requested by the ExA.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant has commented on Sport England's response to the ExA's written questions (REP4-087), including in respect of Southwood Sports Pitches and Cove Cricket Club, and Farnborough Gate Sports Ground</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>QE.2.4</p>	<p>QEP Trenchless techniques</p> <p>Council has concerns and requires clarification regarding tree loss from HDD in QEP, particularly with regards to stringing-out. The Council also requests clarification on the duration of the HDD process and whether HDD could use the same drill pit as used along the railway line, should it be used for QEP.</p> <p>Council suggest the use of the allotments (Prospect Road) for HDD works as preferable to the loss of mature and veteran trees at Farnborough Hill or QEP.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has provided a response on the potential use of HDD within QEP in its submission to the ExA's Further Written Questions on QEP at Deadline 4 (REP4-027). Furthermore, a Site Specific Plan for QEP (REP4-049) has been produced by the Applicant to provide further detail on the potential impacts, construction techniques and mitigation measures within QEP. In this response, the Applicant confirms that tree loss in QEP from Open Cut would not include any mature or veteran trees, whereas the horizontal directional drilling would result in veteran tree loss.</p> <p>1.2 The majority of the Prospect Road allotments are currently located outside of the Order Limits, and therefore the use suggested by the Council would not be possible.</p>



REP4-072 – Rushmoor Borough Council

Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) issued on Monday 13 January 2020

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>QE.2.8</p>	<p>New works access off A325</p> <p>Council has concerns over the potential damage to the woodland from auger pit adjacent to the road.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant would like to clarify that the works access off the A325 within QEP is a receiving area for the auger bore under the A325 (REP4-049).</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant confirms in paragraph 3.7.2 of the Site Specific Plan for QEP (REP4-049) that vegetation will need to be cleared from the area. However, there will be no removal of mature trees associated with the provision of the auger bore receiving area. A vegetation reinstatement plan for the auger bore receiving area is set out at Appendix B of REP4-049.</p>
<p>QE.2.9</p>	<p>NEAP provision</p> <p>Council has provided clarification as to the definition of a NEAP and that there is no alternative space in QEP for its relocation. Confirmation that the construction of a temporary play area in QEP is being explored between the Applicant and the Council, with an update to be provided at the relevant upcoming hearing session.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has responded on this issue in its Deadline 4 response (REP4-027).</p> <p>1.2 At a meeting with the Applicant on 15 January 2020, the Council expressed a wish for its Parks Manager and ecology lead to be allowed to speak directly with the Applicant's potential play equipment supplier. The Applicant provided contact details and understands that the Council's Parks Manager has made contact and had a productive discussion, but the Council's ecology lead has yet to make contact.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant held a site meeting with a potential play equipment supplier and the Council's Park Manager on 11 February. It was a constructive meeting that considered the potential placement of a temporary play provision within the park outside of the Order Limits, suggested by the Park Manager, that would not require any tree removal.</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>SANG.2.3</p>	<p>HRA and SANGs</p> <p>The Council provides detailed comments on its concerns relating to potential impacts on the SANG network arising during construction, and the implications it considers that this has for the HRA.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its legal response on the Council's outline legal submissions on HRA and SANG issues at Deadline 4 (REP4-032), and responded to ExA questions on SANGs (REP4-029), including SANG.2.10 relating to Southwood Country Park SANG, and refers to those documents in response to the Council's comments.</p> <p>1.2 In addition, the Applicant notes that the Council's response incorrectly refers to a 60m wide fenced corridor through Southwood Country Park. This is not correct; it would be a maximum of 36m wide. The Applicant further notes that, through commitment OP04 within the CoCP (REP4-012) and section 3.1 of the SSP for Southwood Country Park (REP4-052), it has committed to maintaining access along principle pedestrian routes within the SANG during construction, with only short term temporary closure or diversions whilst pipeline construction works cross the paths. The CoCP is secured under Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (REP4-006); the SSP is secured under Requirement 17 of the draft DCO.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant notes the network of pedestrian routes proposed within the SANG by the Council and considers that these offer potential alternative routes whilst any short duration works affect a path. As a result, a circular path would be maintained during the construction period. The Applicant considers that the Council's comments relating to impacts on access to and within the SANG are overstated.</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>SANG.2.4</p>	<p>Southwood Woodland SANG</p> <p>The Council provided an explanation of why it considers Southwood Woodland SANG to be operating at the capacity for which it was identified, and the impacts that additional visitors could have.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided its legal response on the Council's outline legal submissions on HRA and SANG issues at Deadline 4 (REP4-032), and responded to ExA questions on SANGs (REP4-029), including SANG.2.9 relating to Southwood Woodland, and refers to those documents in response to the Council's comments.</p>
<p>SANG.2.6</p>	<p>Two year limit on construction works within Southwood Country Park SANG</p> <p>The Council provided comments on its concerns relating to a two year construction period in the SANG.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant clarified its proposed duration of construction in its Site Specific Plan for Southwood Country Park submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-052). Paragraphs 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 of that document states that:</p> <p>1.2 2.1.3 <i>'There is a two-year working window for the construction works, as the programme will need to take account of any seasonality such as ecological constraints and optimum replanting periods. Notwithstanding the above constraints, the detailed scheduling of the works will look to rationalise and work simultaneously where there is the ability to do so, to reduce disturbance to the park. Once the construction plans have been finalised, the local community will be informed and updated in line with the Community Engagement Plan.'</i></p> <p>1.3 2.1.4 <i>'Based on the preferred construction methodology, it is expected that within Southwood Country Park SANG approximately 45 weeks of work will be required for the installation of the pipeline and reinstatement.'</i></p>



REP4-073 – Savills on behalf of Spelthorne Borough Council

**REP4-073– Savills on behalf of Spelthorne Borough Council
Response to the Examining Authority's further written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) published on 13 January 2020**

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>ALT.2.1 and ALT.2.2</p>	<p>Trees impacted by works in Fordbridge Park The Council is seeking assurances that the worst case impact on trees as shown in the tree survey plan is ruled out.</p>	<p>1.1 The Site Specific Plan for Fordbridge Park (REP4-051) Appendix B identified the trees that require removal for the construction of the pipeline in the park. Section 3.2 of the Site Specific Plan for Fordbridge Park also details the proposed vegetation removal and that this is secured through Requirement 8(1)(a) of the DCO.</p>
<p>PC.2.1</p>	<p>Use of noise mitigation for additional locations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Boundary of Fordbridge Park with Celia Crescent; • Ashford Close; • Village Way, and; • Edward Way. 	<p>1.1 The Applicant believes that mitigation should be evidence based. The Applicant has carried out a noise assessment and has a commitment to provide acoustic screening where significant noise effects have been identified (G107). The Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan Revision 1.0 (REP4-041) provides the location details as to where noise mitigation is required based on the assessment.</p> <p>1.2 Should construction details change, a revised Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be agreed with the local planning authority. A final updated Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be submitted as part of the discharge of Requirement 6 for the CEMP, for approval by the relevant planning authority.</p>
<p>TT.2.6</p>	<p>Access to Fordbridge Park from Woodthorpe Road</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant proposes to secure access to the park from Woodthorpe Road as detailed in the below illustration. This will be secured through the land agreement with the Council.</p>



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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
		<p>Illustration 1: Fordbridge Park Access</p> <p>VEHICLE ACCESS GATES A temporary secure gate will be put in place during the works, with a separate pedestrian and cyclist gate/entrance. This will be in place of the existing wrought iron gates and fencing, which will be removed, stored and reinstated once the works are complete (assuming these are in a good condition at the time of removal; if not, a like-for-like replacement will be used for reinstatement).</p> <p>PEDESTRIAN GATE</p> <p>PEDESTRIAN ACCESS</p> <p>ACCESS FROM CELIA CRESCENT The applicant is in discussions with both councils and will remove the requirement to use this access once the access via Woodthorpe Road has been secured through the land agreement.</p> <p>Site Specific Plan - Section 3.1.1 - Public access into the park will not be impacted by the works. The undesignated paths/tracks within the park will be crossed by the working area. At the intersection between the working area and path/tracks, pedestrian crossing points will be installed, similar to those used for Public Rights of Way crossings. Pedestrians will have priority at these crossing points - the gates will only be 'closed' when works require. At such times, operatives will be stationed at the crossing point to facilitate public access. Additional signage for diversions on to alternative existing paths will be put in place as appropriate in advance of any closures.</p> <p>1.2 However, the Applicant notes that the Council has highlighted a number of potential hurdles to the delivery of this alternative which, while confident they can be overcome, illustrate the Applicant's reluctance to remove the access from Celia Crescent from the DCO at this stage.</p>



REP4-074 – Surrey County Council

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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
DCO2.24	<p>Street works working hours</p> <p>SCC would suggest the following additional content in the 'working hours' section of the DCO; <i>"For works on the public highway working at other times is permitted on traffic sensitive roads where working additional hours will reduce works duration. Working additional hours under these circumstances may only to be undertaken when directed by the Highway Authority after consultation with, and agreement from the local Environmental Health Authority and in accordance with any restrictions required"</i></p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant accepts the principle of this suggested amendment to DCO Schedule 2 Requirement 14, to allow for the Highway Authorities to request exceptional "out of hours" working times when construction is in streets and in accordance with the Surrey and Hampshire County Permit Schemes.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant has amended the draft DCO to accommodate this proposal for Deadline 5 (Document Reference 3.1(6)) but does also understand that the Highway Authorities are currently in discussion with the Borough Councils in relation to it.</p>



REP4-074 – Surrey County Council		
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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<i>by the Environmental Health Authority."</i>	
TH2.9	<p>Potential Flooding after Removal of Trees</p> <p>SCC has advised the ExA that that removal of trees could result in a change to surface water runoff.</p> <p>SCC believes that appropriate mitigation should be put in place during both the construction and operational phases of the project to reduce the impact of tree loss, where this is likely to increase surface water flood risk to local receptors such as residential or commercial properties or key infrastructure.</p>	<p>1.1 As the Surrey County Council advice relates to surface water flooding, the Applicant does not believe that this is now pertinent to the issues, as Heronscourt and Colville Gardens Residents Association has now confirmed their concerns are about groundwater flooding (REP4-080).</p>



REP4-076 – Surrey Heath Borough Council

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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Use of noise mitigation for additional locations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Briar Avenue ➢ Broomfield ➢ Spruce Drive ➢ Colville Gardens ➢ Herons Court ➢ Lightwater Road ➢ Guildford Road ➢ Windlesham/Chobham • Windlesham Road/Woodcock Drive • Brock Cottage, Steep Hill • Oakfield House, Halebourne Lane 	<p>1.1 The Applicant believes that mitigation should be evidence based. The Applicant has carried out a noise assessment and has a commitment to provide acoustic screening where significant noise effects have been identified (G107). The Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan Revision 1.0 (REP4-041) provides the location details as to where noise mitigation is required based on the assessment.</p> <p>1.2 Should the construction details result in a change in noise mitigation, a revision to the Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be agreed with the local planning authority. A final updated Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be submitted as part of the discharge of Requirement 6 for the CEMP, for approval by the relevant planning authority.</p>



REP4-076– Surrey Heath Borough Council
Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) issued on Monday 13 January 2020

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West End <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Blackstroud Lane East • Heatherside Camberley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The Maultway ➢ Buttermere Drive ➢ Kendall Grove ➢ Habershon Drive ➢ Cheylesmore Drive ➢ Yockley Close • Frimley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Raglan Close ➢ St Catherine's Road ➢ Broadlands ➢ Windsor Way ➢ Wansdyke Close ➢ Henley Drive ➢ Frimley Green Road 	



REP4-076– Surrey Heath Borough Council
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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
<p>SANG 2.3</p>	<p>Suitable alternative open space to mitigate the impact of the SLP project on St Catherines SANG.</p> <p>In respect of St Catherine's Road SANG, the open access woodland at Frith Hill does not present a viable unaffected alternative space to mitigate any displaced recreational pressure. The Frith Hill woodland is not a SANG and indeed existed prior to SANG being created. Notably, if the woodland was a viable mitigation for recreational displacement, then the St Catherine's Road SANG would have not been required for the Keaver Drive development.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has discussed this matter further at a meeting on the 7 February 2020 and understands that the concern regarding the impact of the project on St Catherines SANG is now resolved and will be reported in the agreed Statement of Common Ground.</p>



REP4-077 – Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail)

REP4-077 – Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) Response to the ExA Requests for Further Information		
Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)</p> <p>Network Rail have requested a change to Requirement 7 to incorporate their approval of the CTMP. The reason for this request is Network Rail's interest in the level crossings which are in proximity to the project.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant remains of the view that, as drafted, Requirement 7 is appropriate and does not therefore consider that the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) should be approved by Network Rail.</p> <p>1.2 The interface between the project and level crossings operated by Network Rail is de minimis. In fact, across the whole of the route, the Applicant is only proposing to use one level crossing for vehicular access, at Farnborough North Station, and this use would be limited to vehicular access for site surveys and monitoring activities. No heavy construction vehicle traffic would use the crossing; small vans would typically be used for these activities instead. The Applicant is not seeking bespoke access through this crossing and access would therefore be in line with its normal operation.</p> <p>1.3 In those circumstances, the Applicant does not consider that there is any material impact upon level crossings operated by Network Rail which would justify it being a discharging authority for the purposes of the CTMP.</p>



REP4-080 – Heronscourt and Colville Gardens Residents Associations

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Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Page para 4	3, Assertion that the Applicant did a 'last minute switch' of the final route before submitting the application.	<p>1.1 The assertion that the Applicant made a 'last minute switch' before submitting the application is factually incorrect and this has been addressed at length on multiple occasions. Attention is drawn to the Applicant's Design Refinements Consultation Brochure (Appendix 5.1 of the Consultation Report (Additional Submission AS-012)), Final Route Announcement Booklet (Appendix 7.2 of the Consultation Report (Application Document APP-038)), Consultation Report (Additional Submission AS-013), and particularly to the Applicant's response to the Examining Authority's Written Questions (REP2-049, REP4-028).</p> <p>1.2 In short, the final route in Turf Hill Park was selected ahead of the Design Refinements Consultation in January 2019. The final route for the project was announced in March 2019.</p>
Page para 8	3, Assertion that the Residents' Associations had a limited ability to be part of the statutory consultation process.	<p>1.1 The Applicant strongly objects to the assertion that residents of Colville Gardens and Heronscourt have had a limited ability to take part in the statutory consultation process. This has been set out in the Applicant's previous responses (see Section 9.3 of the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations (REP1-003)).</p> <p>1.2 While the Applicant respects that the Residents' Associations disagree with the merits of the route selection, it is factually incorrect to assert that the Applicant was not aware of the residents' concerns, or that the residents and local community were disadvantaged during the statutory consultation period. This is demonstrated in the Consultation Report (Additional Submission AS-013) and the adequacy of consultation response from Surrey</p>



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Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
		Heath Borough Council (AoC-020). The Applicant briefed the Council on the residents' concerns at its meeting on 18 July 2019.
Page 4, para 3	Suggestion that, if it would be a material change to amend the route to F1c, then the selection of F1a with an amendment should have also been classed as a material change.	<p>1.1 This interpretation of what constitutes a material change is incorrect.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant consulted on three route sub-options in this area at statutory consultation. The final route selected was a merger of the first section of sub-option F1b with sub-option F1a, with a minor amendment to link the two sub-options together. The Applicant then submitted an application to the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>1.3 A request to change the Order Limits at this stage of the process (i.e. after the application has been made) could be viewed as a material change.</p>
Page 4, bullet point 1	Assertion that the Applicant did not communicate the final route with those in the vicinity of the route or send a booklet to properties within 50 metres.	<p>1.1 The final route was published on the project website and sent to residents living within 50 metres of the final route on 26 March 2019.</p> <p>1.2 The following addresses were on the mailing list for the booklet: 11-37 (odd numbers) Heronscourt, Lightwater GU18 5SW and 20-35 (all numbers) Colville Gardens, Lightwater GU18 5QQ.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant would like to note that announcing the final route in advance of making the application was not a statutory requirement. However, it felt that it was appropriate to share this information given the level of expectation set for communication over the course of the project.</p>



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Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Page 4, bullet point 2	Assertion that the Residents' Association had no opportunity to comment on the Design Refinements Consultation.	1.1 The Applicant would again state that the route in this area was not part of the Design Refinements Consultation (see Section 9.3 of the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations (REP1-003)).
Page 4, bullet point 3	Assertion that the Applicant has admitted that no consultation took place on the route in Turf Hill.	1.1 The Residents' Associations have misinterpreted paragraph 3 of Action No. 29 (REP 3-013) and the assertion is incorrect. 1.2 Consultation was undertaken on the route in Turf Hill during the Preferred Route (first statutory) Consultation in autumn 2018. Following the conclusion of this consultation and further technical work, a route was selected in this area (merger of F1b and F1a with a minor amendment). 1.3 Paragraph 3 of Action No. 29 refers to the Design Refinements (second statutory) Consultation. Turf Hill was not the subject of this additional consultation, as the route had already been finalised in this area. The Design Refinements Consultation was a targeted consultation focusing on 17 other specific areas where the Applicant had identified an opportunity to further amend the design.
Page para 6	Suggestion that the route has been changed in Chobham and Queen Elizabeth Park.	1.1 This assertion is incorrect. The route in Chobham was selected following the same consultation process as Turf Hill. There were two sub-options presented in Chobham during the Preferred Route Consultation (F2a and F2b) in autumn 2018. Following the close of the consultation, sub-option F2a was selected to form part of the final route. The route did not change during this process. 1.2 Further, the Applicant is not seeking to amend the route in Queen Elizabeth Park.



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Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3			
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:	
Page para 6	6, The Residents' Associations were unable to access the link to REP2-047/049.	1.1	The Applicant apologises for the error in the original document which affected these two links. This has now been amended on the Planning Inspectorate's website as Additional Submission AS-073 .
Page para 9	6, Alternative route proposed by the Residents' Associations.	1.1	The Applicant does not recognise this as a viable alternative route, but the selection of sub-option F1b/c with an amendment. This does not avoid the constraints of installing the pipeline through the internationally designated heathland at Turf Hill.
Page para 2	7, Assertion that the Applicant does not recognise the Residents' Associations' concerns about the increased risk of flooding by the removal of trees.	1.1	The Applicant acknowledges that the Residents' Associations have now clarified that it is not surface water flooding that is the concern, but flooding from groundwater. They have confirmed that <i>'It is not the destruction of the physical barriers provided by the trees, a position maintained throughout this process by the Applicant but the maintenance of the water table in that area of the park that is vital.'</i>
		1.2	The Applicant acknowledges the concerns about groundwater flood risk. However, these are not backed by evidence. The Applicant has not found any evidence to suggest that groundwater would be an issue at this location, and this has not been raised as an issue by the Lead Local Flood Authority. The introduction of stanks in the trench (commitment O7 and G134) would reduce the risk of a new groundwater flow path along the bedding material. If dewatering was required during installation, discharges would be permitted in the same way as any other drainage works. The professional assessment of this has demonstrated that construction activity is unlikely to significantly affect the risk of groundwater flooding in this area. commitment O7 and G134 are in the Outline CEMP Appendix B Water Management Plan (REP4-038).



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Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
Page 7, para 7	Suggestion that the Applicant has not responded to the risk of increased noise, pollution and dust from tree removal.	1.1 The Applicant has already provided responses on these topics. In particular, air quality and dust were discussed in PC.1.11 of the Applicant's Response to the ExA's First Written Questions (REP2-047). Noise was discussed in PC.1.13 of the same document.
Page 7, para 10	Assertion that it will take decades for trees to be reinstated to their former state.	1.1 It is correct that it would take a number of years for a newly planted tree to reach maturity. As noted in the Site Specific Plan for Turf Hill submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-050), it is anticipated that 17 of the surveyed trees will require removal, five of these trees are mature. Therefore, with a relatively low number of trees in the context of the wooded area and that no trees will require removal on the northern side of the path, the pathways will still be heavily tree lined and the character of the area would not be significantly affected.
Page 8, para 2	Assertion that there has been no contact between the Applicant and Affinity Water before July 2019.	1.1 This assertion is incorrect. The Applicant has engaged with Affinity Water as a Relevant Statutory Undertaker since December 2017, as outlined in the signed Statement of Common Ground between both parties (REP2-014). 1.2 Further, the Applicant has been aware of the water pipe in Turf Hill since March 2018.
Page 8, paras 9 & 10	Assertion that the arboricultural surveys completed in Turf Hill are incomplete.	1.1 The Applicant refutes this claim. The Applicant has undertaken detailed arboricultural surveys of the route in the area adjacent to properties in Turf Hill to inform the detailed pipeline alignment. The survey has identified root protection areas for trees within the Order Limits and those outside that could be affected. This information should help to alleviate the concerns of the residents about the loss of mature trees in or adjacent to their properties which back onto the route. At the time of this survey, residents had not



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Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
		<p>expressed a concern regarding the trees along Guildford Road and the nearby compound, which is why the section was not included in the detailed survey at that time.</p> <p>1.2 Further, as agreed with Surrey Heath Borough Council and Natural England, the area around the compound would be reinstated to heathland (see TH2.2 in REP4-028).</p>
Page 10, para 10	Assertion that detailed field studies for sand lizard presence were completed in Chobham Common, but not Turf Hill.	<p>1.1 The Applicant can confirm that the same level of field studies for sand lizards were undertaken at both Turf Hill and Chobham Common. These were both undertaken by the same Natural England recognised species expert.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant has already provided a detailed answer to this in its response to TH.2.6 in the Response to the ExA's Further Written Questions – Turf Hill (TH) (REP4-028).</p>



REP4-081 - Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of Independent Educational Association Limited (IEAL)

REP4-081 – Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of Independent Educational Association Limited (IEAL) Representation in response to the Applicant's Deadline 3 submission		
Para Ref	Point Raised	Applicant Response to Point Raised:
N/A	<p>Paragraph 4.1</p> <p>Applicant's Consideration of high ground water level within the gravel adjacent to the lake.</p>	<p>1.1 In response to the submitted report (REP4-082), the Applicant would like to clarify a number of points noted in the report.</p> <p>1.2 In response to paragraph 4.1, as stated the water levels are a concern for the project in this location. However, they do not vary significantly from east to west, and as a consequence, the Applicant can confirm that the project will be faced with coping with high water levels regardless. It therefore has little bearing on route selection.</p>
	<p>Paragraph 4.3.2</p> <p>Alternative alignment's impact on the proposed sports hall and suggested approaches to reduce the impact given the stage of development of both schemes</p>	<p>1.1 In response to paragraph 4.3.2, there are a number of inaccuracies within the paragraph. Notwithstanding the inaccuracies, the Applicant reiterates that it is not possible to construct a fixed structure over the new or existing fuel lines. Sketch SK005 (REP4-082) clearly shows the structure outline within the proposed easement area. The assumption made in placing this on the plan is that the project can install the new pipeline within the existing easement, which is an incorrect assumption (see below). The sketch only shows the building outline, beyond this will be the structural supports/foundations buried beneath, which could extend outside of the footprint as shown. The Applicant is not able to confirm the size of these supports/foundations without knowing more about the structure being erected. However, a working assumption of at least a 2m rectangular structure about the corner point would not be unreasonable. Therefore, this further reduces the available installation space between the new building and the existing fuel lines, let alone allowing sufficient space for the new line. As such, the Applicant considers that the paragraph is not a true reflection of the available space against the proposed new sports hall. The Applicant notes that</p>



**REP4-081 – Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of Independent Educational Association Limited (IEAL)
Representation in response to the Applicant's Deadline 3 submission**

Para Ref	Point Raised	Applicant Response to Point Raised:
		<p>the report does acknowledge that the sports hall has not commenced, and it is likely to be feasible to make a slight adjustment to the proposed location if this is deemed necessary. The Applicant's response at Deadline 3 did make this point and showed where this location could be.</p>
	<p>Paragraph 4.3.3 Partial demolition of the existing bungalow (Building B) and suggested alternatives</p>	<p>1.1 In response to paragraph 4.3.3, the Applicant is aware that a number of options would be possible. However, on balance the potential impact on trees, future development versus sterilisation of land, or impact to the existing bungalow would be greater than those afforded by the Applicant's proposed route.</p> <p>1.2 Note: With regards to laying the replacement pipe in the existing easement, this increases the risks associated with construction work in close proximity to a high pressure fuel main. Such close-proximity work would also significantly extend the duration of the installation. The Applicant would seek to avoid this wherever possible.</p>



REP4-084 – Nick Jarman on behalf of Neighbours and Users of Queen Elizabeth Park

REP4-084 – Nick Jarman on behalf of Neighbours and Users of Queen Elizabeth Park Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	Whole response	<p>1.1 The Applicant has now submitted a Site Specific Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park (REP4-049), which addresses a number of issues raised in the Interested Party's responses to Deadline 4. In addition, the Applicant draws attention to the Response to the ExA's Further Written Questions (REP4-027) also submitted at Deadline 4.</p> <p>1.2 This document responds to key issues or comments not covered by the Site Specific Plan and the response to Further Written Questions.</p>
Section 2	<p>Alignment Sheets (narrow working)</p> <p>Assertion that there seem to be no plans to protect the root areas of T41 and T42 and there are no plans to protect root areas of any other trees in the park.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant rejects the assertion that there are no plans to protect root protection areas of any tree in the park. The application contains a clear and secured commitment to the National Joint Utilities Group Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees (NJUG Volume 4,2007) (Commitment G95).</p> <p>1.2 Further, the Applicant has clarified on several occasions how the root protection would be implemented within Queen Elizabeth Park. This has most recently been documented in the Site Specific Plan (REP4-049).</p> <p>1.3 In addition, T41 and T42 are both classed as veteran trees and therefore would fall under the Approach to Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees in Appendix C of the Outline LEMP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-035).</p>



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Section 3	<p>Crossing drawings</p> <p>Assertion that the HDD crossing (from Stake Lane) is being driven through the root zone, which is far more invasive and destructive.</p> <p>There is no drawing of the A325 crossing. The drawing submitted in response to ISH3 Action Points does not include the same amount of detail and there is no sectional drawing.</p>	<p>1.1 The HDD drill will be below the root depth at this position and therefore will not impact T41. The assertion that it is being driven through the root zone is incorrect.</p> <p>1.2 Trenchless crossing TC019 is a standard auger bore crossing and so a drawing was not produced.</p>
Section 4.1	<p>Response to written representations – other parties</p> <p>Assertion that “Esso have never made a direct request to the QEP group for a meeting.”</p> <p>“Despite being well aware of who we are and how we can be contacted. Esso has made no proactive attempts</p>	<p>1.1 Following the Open Floor Hearing on 25 November 2019, Mr Jarman stated: <i>“I am here representing the neighbours and users of Queen Elizabeth Park, and my reference number is 20022545. The group that I represent is beginning to be set up as an official community group, and Rushmoor Borough Council is backing us fully in that.”</i></p> <p>1.2 Following the Issue Specific Hearings on Environmental Matters, the Applicant spoke to Rushmoor Borough Council via telephone on 9 December 2019 to request that they set up a meeting between all three organisations, after which the Applicant wrote to the Council to confirm this request. This approach was selected as the Applicant wished to respect the newly formed group and progress a meeting with them as an entity rather than as individuals. As the Council was already engaged in setting up the community group and the group had not previously contacted the project, this approach was deemed most</p>



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	to engage with us at any point during examination.”	<p>appropriate. Please see the attached email to Rushmoor Borough council at appendix B, which requests a meeting be arranged with the three organisations. The email states:</p> <p><i>“I think you were also going to check the composition/contact details for the Queen Elizabeth Park community group that is already established, or if the Council is supporting its establishment, as we would like through the Council to arrange a meeting with the group.”.</i></p> <p>1.3 The Applicant notes Rushmoor Borough Council’s Deadline 4 submission (REP4-071), which states:</p> <p><i>‘In relation to ESSO meeting with the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park Community Group the council has no recollection of being asked to arrange a meeting with the group. The ecologist has now discussed this with the group and they do not wish to meet with ESSO at this time, though may do so in the future.’</i></p>
Section 4.2	Alternative play area Assertion that the shape of the Order Limits and the activities already known to be planned within them mean that it is not possible to accommodate a play area within them.	<p>1.1 The Applicant has provided a secured commitment, within the Code of Construction Practice (Commitment OP05, REP4-012) that a temporary alternative play area will be provided. The Applicant has stated this could be provided within the Order Limits or provided in collaboration with Rushmoor Borough Council in accordance with details agreed.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant has been seeking agreement with Rushmoor Borough Council to locate a temporary play area outside the Order Limits but within Queen Elizabeth Park, believing it would be more appropriate for alternative provision to be set back from the working areas and capitalise on the potential to encourage children to connect with the woodland through play.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant held a site meeting with a potential play equipment supplier and the Councils Park Manager on 11 February. It was a constructive meeting that considered the potential</p>



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		placement of a temporary play provision within the park outside of the Order Limits, suggested by the Park Manager, that would not require any tree removal.
Section 4.4	<p>Working width and installation speed</p> <p>Suggestion that a 5 metre working width for open-cut trench installation would be possible.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant wishes to note that streetworks within a 5 metre working width is not an accurate comparison of what could be achieved within the park, as within the road there is an active carriageway adjacent to works which vehicles can use, outside of the fenced working area. This means that the active carriageway is effectively available for vehicles to easily access both ends of the working area. In contrast, if the adjacent area has trees and no parallel Public Right of Way, a haul road therefore needs to be accommodated within the working width, requiring it to be wider than five metres.</p> <p>1.2 In addition, to reduce the impact of works around tree roots and existing utilities, the additional space is required to provide flexibility around these features. If there is no additional space in the working width, the length of time needed to install in the area would be significantly longer.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant has committed to a maximum width of 10 metres for Open Cut and 5 metres for stringing, as shown on the Site Specific Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park (REP4-049).</p>




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Section 4.8	<p>Tree removal</p> <p>Comment that “We would also be very interested to know which equipment Esso plans to position in the trees”</p> <p>Assertion that the two reception pits have become compounds, and this represents an expanded area in comparison to previous plans, as there will need to be generators for welfare facilities.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant apologises for any confusion caused by its use of the idiom “<i>in and around</i>” when referring to the A325 trenchless reception pit. The Applicant does not intend to place equipment ‘in’ the trees but would simply use the area around retained trees with the use of suitable ground protection (root protection).</p> <p>1.2 The assertion that the reception pits have become compounds or have expanded is not correct. The Applicant has provided a standardised indicative layout appropriate to the current design stage of the project. Only equipment required for the works at this location will be situated here. Any welfare units, if required, would be self-contained. The Applicant’s plans do not ignore root protection areas; appropriate protection will be used in these areas. All construction compounds are listed with works numbers in the Draft Development Consent Order (REP4-006).</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant notes that the western gates to the A325 are for safety and are not to be used as vehicle access.</p>
Section 4.13	<p>Cabrol Road Compound</p> <p>Assertion that the Applicant was incorrect to say that the compound is only being used for installation within the park.</p>	<p>1.1 As works for the stringing take place within the park, the Applicant’s statement is correct that the compound is supporting installation activity “within” the park.</p>



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Section 4.15	<p>Green commuter route</p> <p>There are gradient changes and busy road crossings at the entrance to Farnborough Main Station. Union Street is considerably more dangerous route for cyclists.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant notes that there is a cycle lane on the western end of Union Street and at the southern end of the A325 Farnborough Road off the large roundabout at the eastern end of Union Street, which are segregated from motorised traffic. Union Street itself is a standard width road along its entire length and has a safe footpath for pedestrians.</p> <p>1.2 Furthermore, no evidence has been supplied to show that this is a dangerous route for either cyclists or pedestrians, nor are there any busy road crossings.</p>
Section 4.17	<p>Community awareness and opposition to the plans</p> <p>Assertion that the Applicant's plans were not well known in the community.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant consulted Rushmoor Borough Council on its Statement of Community Consultation, which set out the approach to statutory consultation (see Appendix 4.8 of the Consultation Report APP-035). The Applicant had regard to Rushmoor's feedback to advertise in further local newspapers (see Appendix 4.7) and noted that it had no further comments regarding the method of consultation in this area.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant can confirm that those living within the vicinity of the scheme were contacted at the launch of both the Corridor Options and Preferred Route consultations. This is most clearly demonstrated by the fact that at least one local resident who spoke at the Issue Specific Hearing took part in the statutory consultation. Furthermore, the maps below show the properties that received direct mail regarding the corridor, statutory route, and final route announcement. The red line identifies the Order Limits of the consultation corridor, the blue shading identifies the addresses covered by the corridor.</p>




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		<p data-bbox="752 517 1877 547">Illustration 1: Map of properties contacted at the Corridor Options Consultation in March 2018</p> 




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		<p data-bbox="752 515 1928 547">Illustration 2: Map of properties contacted at the Preferred Route Consultation in September 2018</p>  <p data-bbox="763 576 1787 1406">An aerial photograph of a residential area with a red line indicating a proposed route. Several property boundaries are highlighted in light blue. The map includes a north arrow in the top left corner.</p>



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		<p data-bbox="752 515 1854 547">Illustration 3: Map of properties contacted at the Final Route Announcement in March 2019</p>  <p data-bbox="763 576 1709 1342">An aerial photograph of a residential area with a red line tracing a route through the landscape. Several large, irregularly shaped areas are highlighted in light blue, representing properties that were contacted during the Final Route Announcement in March 2019. The map shows a mix of green spaces, trees, and buildings. A north arrow is visible in the top left corner of the map area.</p>



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		<p>1.3 Public consultations have clear legal requirements, set out in the Planning Act 2008, to ensure fair representation and consideration of issues raised by the promoter.</p> <p>1.4 The Applicant's duty is to undertake a fair pre-application process and demonstrate that it has considered and responded to feedback from public consultations and statutory bodies (given during pre-application engagement and consultation). The Applicant listened during this process and in response implemented narrow working and designed the route around the existing path to address the concerns.</p> <p>1.5 Rushmoor Borough Council confirmed to the Planning Inspectorate that it was satisfied with the consultation (AoC-014).</p> <p>1.6 The Applicant would note that the Order Limits have not been widened through Queen Elizabeth Park since the statutory consultation and, in fact, the limits of the working area have been reduced in response to feedback received.</p> <p>1.7 The Applicant acknowledges there is genuine concern about the proposals since the formation of the Neighbours and Users of Queen Elizabeth Park group and its promotion of the proposals. The Applicant has sought a meeting to discuss the group's concerns and how both parties, and the local authority, can best work together to reduce the disruption and impact of construction.</p> <p>1.8 The Applicant would like to note that the group has consistently alleged that 25% of the park's trees would be lost as a result of the scheme. This is not accurate, as noted in the Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports: <i>'the quantum of trees to be felled is not considered to be accurate, nor to reflect the Applicant's commitments to narrow working'</i> (REP2-053).</p>



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		<p>1.9 Further, the Applicant's Site Specific Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-049) states that: <i>'approximately 30 non-mature trees will need to be removed' and 'it is anticipated that none of the mature trees identified in the park will require removal'.</i></p> <p>1.10 The promotion of the petition on social media has been shared widely, both on political and environmental interest groups within Farnborough and further afield, such as <i>Extinction Rebellion Farnham</i>. The information provided both at the town centre petition signing and online forums is not an accurate reflection of the application, and the Applicant's information sheet regarding Queen Elizabeth Park was not shared.</p> <p>1.11 Petitions with inaccurate information skew the accuracy of the representation made.</p>
Section 5	<p>Veteran trees plan</p> <p>Assertion that T42 is missing from sheet on p103.</p> <p>Suggestion that the Limits of Deviation and compound areas cannot intersect the T41 buffer zone and needs to be amended to fulfil this commitment to a buffer zone.</p>	<p>1.1 Both trees T41 and T42 can be found on the General Arrangement Plans as submitted at Deadline 4 (pages 68 and 69 of REP4-005). T41 and T42 are both classed as veteran trees and therefore would fall under the Approach to Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees in Appendix C of the Outline LEMP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-035). T41 is noted in Table 5.2 of Appendix C of the Outline LEMP. Additional veteran trees identified since the Approach to Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees was developed, will be added to Table 5.2 at Deadline 6.</p> <p>1.2 It is incorrect to state that the Limits of Deviation or compound areas cannot intersect root protection areas. The Applicant can employ a number of construction methods to protect retained veteran trees and details are set out within the Approach to Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees. These include developing site-specific measures, for example hand digging/vacuum excavation under arboricultural supervision.</p> <p>1.3 Trees being retained will be protected from installation activity in line with commitment G95: <i>'The contractor(s) will consider and apply, the relevant protective principles set out in the National Joint Utilities Group Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees ('NJUG Volume 4' (2007)). This will</i></p>




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		<i>be applied to trees within the Order Limits which will be preserved through the construction phase, and to trees outside of the Order Limits where such measures do not hinder or prevent the use of the relevant working width for construction.'</i>
Section 6	Farnborough Airshow Suggestion that the Applicant's comment regarding the Airshow being open to the public.	<p>1.1 The Applicant can confirm that Mr Jarman is correct, and it was an error to state that the Airshow is no longer open to the public.</p> <p>1.2 From 2020, there will be public access to the trade air show on Friday, but the public exhibition over the weekend will no longer take place. The change in format of the Airshow will reduce the number of visitors.</p>
Section 7.1	Compounds shown in drawings Reception pits for trenchless crossings (compounds) "far more extensive than originally indicated".	<p>1.1 The Applicant can confirm that Work No. 4AE is a construction compound and the compound will facilitate the QEP construction works. The make up of the compound is as listed in the draft DCO. It therefore contains the welfare and office facilities.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant can confirm that operatives working in the reception area for TC018 adjacent to the construction compound will utilise the facilities within the construction compound. The reception area will have a small cabin which is used to monitor the works, it will not have a stand-alone welfare.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant can confirm that operatives working in the reception area for TC-019 will utilise the facilities within the construction compound, Work No. 4AE. The reception area will also have a small cabin which is used to monitor the works. The Applicant has made space allowance for a small welfare unit in this location, should it be required, which would also limit the potential for operatives to need to travel back to the construction compound. This is indicative only at this stage.</p>



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Section 7.3	<p>Assertion that the Applicant is in agreement with the alternative route to connect Prospect Avenue. Hampshire County Council's Highways Department indicated they would be willing to discuss this route.</p> <p>The Applicant refers to the park as an open area in ISH3.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant is not in agreement regarding the alternative route (Prospect Avenue). It was asked to provide an assessment of this route for the Examining Authority (REP3-013), which does not mean the Applicant endorses it. It is the Applicant's view that this is lower-performing than the existing proposal when considered against the project guiding principles. The Applicant would also note that this route has not been subject to statutory consultation.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant notes that the Hampshire Highways comment does not provide a view on the alternative route.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant refers to the park as 'open space'. This is a planning designation (legal term) as outlined in Chapter 16 of the Planning Statement (APP-132).</p>
Appendix B	<p>Letter and cards from Esso, 16 December 2019</p> <p>The Order Limits are 36 metres not 30 metres.</p> <p>Use of Cabrol Road compound for installation in Stake Lane.</p> <p>No ornamental pond or pond near the A325.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant acknowledges that the letter should have said 'approximately' 30 metres, which has been standard text since the statutory consultation.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant is correct in stating that the construction compound supports installation within the park.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant is surprised by the comments regarding the ponds. It has used the term 'ornamental' as this is the naming on the information board within the park, adjacent to the Cabrol Road entrance.</p>




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		<p>Photograph 1: Photograph of the information board in the park</p> 



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		<p>Photograph 2: Photograph of the information board in the park showing pond</p>  <p>1.4 There is an ephemeral pond by the A325 entrance into the park which is fed by a ditch through a culvert under the cycle/pedestrian path. When last visited by the Applicant in January 2019, it measured approximately 5mx3m. In relation to the two ponds, the proposed measures have been offered to Rushmoor Borough Council and has been made clear in the information shared by the Applicant in its communications to local residents.</p>



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<p>Section 1.2.2</p>	<p>Tree removal for stringing area Suggestion to revise the stringing area for the Stake Lane by shortening the bore length and locating the reception pit in the allotments.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant believes this statement is incorrect. If the TC-018 was shortened and the reception pit located in the western corner of the allotments, a pipe string of approximately 230m would be required. This would require breaking through the tree lined boundary between the allotments and the park, and stringing within the park. It is not known if there has been any consulting with allotment holders regarding installation within the allotments.</p>
<p>Section 1.2.4</p>	<p>Launch pit size Assertion that the launch pit is unnecessarily large. It also covers the area for the Cabrol Road compound with no justification of why the compound is no longer needed. Enlargement of the drive compound and the absence of the proposed construction compound should be justified.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant apologies for the confusion. This drawing was indicative to illustrate the stringing length required in Farnborough Hill School for the alternative HDD proposal. It was not meant to represent the areas required for compound or drive pit area. The Cabrol Road construction compound is still required but was not represented on this illustrative figure. An updated illustration is provided below.</p>



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		<p>Illustration 1: HDD From Play Area in QEP to Farnborough Hill School Under QEP</p> <p>The diagram illustrates the proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) route. It starts at a 'CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND' and an 'HDD DRIVE COMPOUND' located near Church Road. The alignment, shown as a dashed blue line, travels through Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP) and ends at Farnborough Hill School. Key features and labels include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGNMENT OF HDD LENGTH ~605m: The main route of the pipeline. QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK: The area through which the pipeline passes. TREE T100 and TREE T101: Specific trees along the alignment. POTENTIAL VETERAN TREE: A tree identified as potentially significant. CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND and HDD DRIVE COMPOUND: Key infrastructure points for the project. South Western Mainline: A railway line running parallel to the alignment. </p>



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Section 1.2.5	<p>Launch pit noise</p> <p>Assertion that noise from an HDD is not a limiting factor for trenchless in other areas.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant was not stating that noise was the limiting factor but that, in comparison with the open cut option, there would be increased noise impacts due to the two drilling operations.</p>
Section 1.2.6	<p>Farnborough Hill Conservation Area</p> <p>Assertion that auger bore activities would have a greater impact on the setting of the Conservation Area than stringing out within the school's grounds because the damage to the setting would be long term.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant does not agree that an auger bore would have a greater impact than an HDD. The auger is a contained pit with less surface level activity. It is also incorrect to assert that there would be long-term damage as a result of using an auger bore technique.</p>
Section 1.2.7	<p>Farnborough Hill Grade I Listing</p> <p>Assertion that the grounds of the school are not listed.</p> <p>Suggestion that slight adjustments to the orientation of the reception pit could allow for HDD techniques and better</p>	<p>1.1 The main building at Farnborough Hill Convent (known as Farnborough Hill School) was listed as Grade 1 in 1975. All buildings and structures, including boundary features such as walls and railings, within the curtilage of the building that were present at the time of listing are afforded listed building protection as curtilage listed structure. This includes the protection of the setting of these buildings and structures. This is in accordance with Section 1 (5) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant has provided the most viable HDD options to the Examining Authority in response to ISH2 Action Point 15 submission (REP3-013). This area has many constraints and the HDD would require complex engineering due to its length and lateral and vertical</p>



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	alignment of the stringing area within the Order Limits.	<p>curves. Further, the ground condition, sand and gravel are also not ideal for HDD, and increase the installation risks when installing in lateral and vertical curves.</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant is keen to stress that the engineering complexity of HDD as proposed by the Neighbours and Users of Queen Elizabeth Park group should not be underestimated.</p>
<p>Section 1.2.8</p>	<p>Farnborough Hill stringing out</p> <p>Assertion that a stringing area for an HDD would have no greater impact on the school's sports facilities.</p>	<p>1.1 This is not correct. The Open Cut installation through the grounds of Farnborough Hill School has been designed to have no impact on the sports fields. This would not be the case if additional space was needed for HDD stringing, it would impact on a greater area.</p>
<p>Section 1.2.10</p>	<p>Easement</p> <p>As the HDD options go under the Fairy Tree (T42), the Neighbours and Users of Queen Elizabeth Park requests reassurance that no trees in the park will need to be removed as a consequence of the easement.</p>	<p>1.1 The use of HDD techniques under the Fairy Tree would not impact the tree roots.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant would not amend its easement rights for areas where HDD is used under trees as these rights relate to the pipeline once installed. The Applicant must retain the ability to safely operate and maintain the pipeline.</p>



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<p>Section 1.2.11</p>	<p>Comments on HDD options presented by the Applicant for Action No. 15 in Response to Action Points from the ISH on Environmental Matters on 3 December 2019 REP-013</p> <p>The Interested Party welcomes the information that the string pulling could be split into two operations.</p> <p>Hybrid option proposed.</p>	<p>1.1 Stringing can be split into two sections and is not uncommon when installing plastic pipes such as used for water, sewage and gas. This is because the joint can be made in a period of minutes before continuing with the pull in those cases. However, the 'HDD expert' appears to have over-simplified the option in relation to a steel welded pipe. Joining a steel pipe during the pullback poses a significantly higher engineering risk due to the delay (approximately 5-6 days while the two sections of pipe are welded, tested, and coated). During this time the bore may have collapsed, which is a high risk in this area due to the ground conditions (sands and gravel). If this occurred, the bore would be abandoned, and the process started again with a single string. As such, it is not appropriate to plan these works based on a split string. The Applicant has considered several arrangements and presented the optimal solution to the Examining Authority at Deadline 4. Changing the orientation will not reduce the impact on the trees or crossing of the school's boundary.</p>



REP4-086 – South Downs National Park Authority

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<p>DCO.2.1, DCO.2.13, DCO.2.15, DCO.2.17, DCO.2.24, DCO.2.25, DCO.2.27.</p>	<p>Draft DCO wording The SDNPA commented on the DCO drafting, in response to ExA questions.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has provided a response to interested parties comments on the draft DCO at Deadline 4 (Document Reference 8.76).</p>
<p>LV.2.4</p>	<p>Tree replacement planting The SDNPA accepted the principle of off-site planting as mitigation for loss of TPO trees, and considered the securing mechanism should be a s106 agreement.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant amended the wording of the relevant draft requirements in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-006) to be "in accordance". 1.2 The Applicant does not consider that the legal requirements and evidential requirements for a separate planning obligation have been met.</p>



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LV.2.6	<p>Use of an Arboriculturalist</p> <p>The SDNPA consider that explicit reference to the use of a suitably qualified and experienced Arboriculturalist should be secured.</p>	<p>1.1 In response to ExA written question LV.1.12, the Applicant amended commitment G86 within the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) submitted at Deadline 2 (REP2-010) to refer to an 'experienced arboriculturalist':</p> <p><i>'Works to notable, TPO and veteran trees, where at risk of damage, would be supervised by the ECoW and supported by an experienced arboriculturalist.'</i></p> <p>1.2 This commitment remains as worded above in the CoCP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-012). The CoCP is secured through Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (REP4-006).</p> <p>1.3 The Applicant's CoCP submitted at Deadline 4 furthermore confirms at paragraph 2.10.7 that <i>'The Environmental Clerk of Works and arboriculturalist will provide advice when any works to trees such as branch removal are required'</i>.</p>
LV2.7	<p>Use of NJUG or British Standard 5837:2012</p> <p>The SDNPA considers that it is more appropriate to use the British Standard approach.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant refers to the answer it supplied to question LV.2.7 (REP4-025) which provides reasoned argument to demonstrate that NJUG4 provides greater protection for trees, for example by always defining a larger root protection zone.</p>



REP4-086 – South Downs National Park Authority Response to the Examining Authority's further written questions and requests for information (ExQ2) published on 13 January 2020		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
LV.2.8	<p>Planting Mitigation</p> <p>The SDNPA responded to the ExA's questions, including on the use of "where practicable" in commitment G87.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant responded to LV.2.8 at Deadline 4 (REP4-025) providing additional explanation of its approach and has submitted amended draft DCO wording for the related Requirement 8 at Deadline 4 (REP4-006).</p>
LV.2.14	<p>Logistics Hub at Chawton</p> <p>The SDNPA commented on the lack of a representative viewpoint from the Public Right of Way at Chawton.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant provided the requested representative viewpoints in its submission at Deadline 3 (REP3-016).</p>



REP4-087 – Sport England

REP4-087– Sport England		
Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Engagement</p> <p>The agent has engaged with Sport England via a telephone discussion on 10 January 2020. This proved useful.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant is pleased that Sport England found the engagement useful.</p>
N/A	<p>Potential Effect of the Proposed Development on Sports Provision.</p> <p>Sport England considers that it will be important that the reinstatement of any playing field/pitches is carried out in accordance with our technical guidance: Natural Turf for Sport (2011). A standard planning condition is recommended.</p>	<p>1.1 The importance of the Sport England guidance <i>Natural Turf for Sport</i> (2011) was discussed in the call on 10 January 2020. As a result, the Code of Construction Practice (REP4-012) was amended to incorporate reference to it.</p> <p>1.2 Paragraph 2.13.7 of that document now states: <i>'If the stripped turf is being returned to aid a quicker reinstatement of the existing surface, the turf would be stored and maintained (during installation), before being re-laid. Alternatively, reinstatement could be achieved through seeding or turfing with new turf, with like for like species of grass, in accordance with Sport England's guidance 'Natural Turf for Sport' 2011, or to the specification given by the landowner. For all options, the reinstatement method would be agreed with the landowner or tenant and this may involve the use of specialist contractors.'</i></p> <p>1.3 Compliance with the Code of Construction Practice is secured by Requirement 5 of the draft DCO (REP4-006).</p>



REP4-087– Sport England		
Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Peter Driver Sports Ground</p> <p>It is understood that the proposal will have a significant, albeit temporary, impact on the playing fields</p> <p>Sport England would expect the agent/applicant to work with Hampshire FA and Sport England to identify and secure suitable alternative match play and training arrangements for these teams during construction and reinstatement period.</p>	<p>1.1 As set out in the Planning Statement (Application Document APP-132) at paragraphs 16.4.6 to 16.4.12, the impact on these sports pitches would be temporary. The Applicant has shared a detailed methodology relating to working through sports pitches in Section 2.13, paragraphs 2.13.1 to 2.13.10, and Table 2.2 within the Code of Construction Practice (REP4-012). The Applicant is working with Church Crookham Parish Council and through them with the football teams affected to reduce impacts either by seeking to plan the construction works outside of the football season, and/or managing the fixtures to enable a suitable construction window to be agreed.</p>
N/A	<p>Southwood Sports Pitches and Cove Cricket Club</p> <p>Sport England is satisfied that the proposed pipeline route will not adversely affect the club's ability to use their ground for matches or training during the construction period.</p>	<p>1.1 Noted.</p>



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Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Farnborough Gate Sports Ground</p> <p>There will be significant impact on this playing field site resulting in the entire loss of the playing field/pitches for use as a construction compound for the whole for the pipeline construction period, potentially 2 years. The site is used by a number of teams/clubs.</p> <p>Sport England would expect the agent/applicant to work with Hampshire FA and Sport England to identify and secure suitable alternative match play and training arrangements for these teams during construction and reinstatement period.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has identified the teams using this pitch and is committed to working with any displaced teams to find alternative sports facilities locally as necessary. The Applicant is also happy to work with Hampshire FA and Sport England as necessary. The Applicant would compensate any displaced teams to cover any additional costs incurred.</p>



REP4-087– Sport England Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Salesian School Replacement Pitches</p> <p>Sport England notes that the proposed pipeline route across the school's proposed replacement playing pitches will impact on the rugby pitch at the site which will in turn impact on the school's ability to meet its PE Curriculum and extra-curricular PE activities during the construction period. However, we are not aware of any community use of these planned new pitches.</p> <p>Sport England would ask that the timing of the works is discussed with the school to minimise any disruption</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has visited the site and can confirm that the pitches are complete and will be in use prior to the construction of the proposed pipeline.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant remains in discussion with the landowner, school trust and the school management to manage the impact of the proposed construction and to agree suitable timing for the works to reduce the disruption to the school.</p>
N/A	<p>Abbey Rangers FC</p> <p>Sport England acknowledges that the proposed construction process has</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has visited the site and can confirm that the AGP pitch is complete and will be in use prior to the construction of the proposed pipeline.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant is working closely with Abbey Rangers Football Club to manage the construction of the pipeline without displacement of football activity to alternative premises.</p>



REP4-087– Sport England

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WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<p>been amended to reduce the impact on the playing pitches at the site.</p> <p>Notes that the proposed mitigation relies on the artificial grass pitch (AGP) being constructed and available for use. Can a further update be provided on the status of the AGP development as it is not clear whether this is now available for use?</p> <p>Sport England does not object to the approach in principle but would like confirmation that teams can be accommodated on the site by existing or new provision, or whether alternative off-site arrangements will be required.</p>	<p>Should this become unavoidable, the Applicant is committed to working with any displaced teams to find alternative sports facilities locally as necessary. The Applicant would compensate any displaced teams to cover any additional costs incurred.</p>



REP4-087– Sport England Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information issued on Wednesday 12 December 2019		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Golf Courses</p> <p>Sport England is not a statutory consultee on development affecting golf courses. We would ask that disruption to play is minimised through avoiding direct impacts on fairways and greens where possible. .</p>	1.1 Noted.
PC1.21	<p>Applicant's Response to PC.1.21</p> <p>Sport England does not have any significant concerns with the applicant's response to question PC.1.21. It will be essential that any pitch reinstatement is carried out using a specialist sports turf contractor or agronomist and in accordance with Sport England's published guidance.</p>	1.1 As noted above, the Applicant has specified Sport England's published guidance regarding the reinstatement of sports turf in paragraph 2.13.7 of the Code of Construction Practice (REP4-012).



REP4-089 – Woodland Trust

REP4-089– Woodland Trust		
Response to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and requests for information - QE.2.10 – Potential Loss of Veteran Trees		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	<p>Potential Loss of Veteran Trees at Queen Elizabeth Park</p> <p>The Woodland Trust confirm that there are three veteran trees at Queen Elizabeth Park and a significant number of notable trees recorded at the site. They suggest that these trees should be afforded a root protection area (RPA) of 12 times the stem diameter, in line with BS 5837:2012.</p>	<p>1.1 The Woodland Trust has recorded three trees with Veteran Tree status within the Order Limits at Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP). These are shown on the Site Specific Plan (SSP) for QEP submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-049).</p> <p>1.2 Based on the current intended pipe alignment in the SSP for QEP, approximately 30 non-mature trees would need to be removed. These are trees of a lower arboricultural value. The installation would not require the removal of any mature or veteran trees.</p> <p>1.3 Veteran Trees are covered as part of the Approach to Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees in Appendix C of the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (REP4-035). Based on the intended alignment shown on the SSP for QEP, these three veteran trees would all be retained and the pipeline would be installed within the root protection area. Therefore, these trees would fall within B3 in the mitigation hierarchy and would require specialist techniques outlined within a method statement.</p>



REP4-091 – Janet Gaze

REP4-091– Janet Gaze		
Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
N/A	I am deeply concerned that the diversion off the existing route adjacent to Green Barn Farm on the Selborne Road and finishing on Caker Lane by Worldham Golf Course near Alton has NOT been adequately justified. The reason given for this diversion as I understand it, has been to preserve priority habitats, namely Floodplain Grazing Marsh. There was doubt in the original environmental survey that the land looked 'improved grassland' from satellite imagery and is no longer priority habitat. Was this properly investigated because it is clearly not floodplain grazing marsh now and is of little botanical interest? The land has been	<p>1.1 The Applicant has been in detailed discussions with this landowner regarding the routeing of the project through her land in this location since January 2019.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant wrote to Ms Gaze on 4 January 2019 and provided a map highlighting the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) Priority Habitat layers in the vicinity of her property, including identified Floodland Grazing and Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland along with the Flood Zone 3 layer.</p> <p>1.3 On 19 March 2019, Ms Gaze forwarded correspondence between herself and the Manager of the Specialist Environmental Services & Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) which identified that that individual has concerns regarding the routeing of the pipeline in this area.</p> <p>1.4 The Applicant does not consider correspondence from the Manager of the HBIC overrides nor reflects Hampshire County Council's consultation responses or the Statement of Common Ground.</p> <p>1.5 In this written question, Ms Gaze has raised a doubt that the HBIC designations are current, raises concern that the land on the existing pipeline route is of little botanical interest and raises doubt that the Applicant has not properly investigated the land. It is not clear to which areas of the Grazing Marsh Ms Gaze is referring to as there are several which the Applicant's alignment avoids. The Applicant confirms that botany surveys were undertaken on the Caker Stream floodplain, and these confirmed the area supported Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh Priority Habitat. The Applicant has no reason to disagree with the Priority Habitat designations in this area.</p>




REP4-091– Janet Gaze		
Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<p>better drained and three pipelines have been successfully laid along this route previously. The new route, which is extensively longer, will have far greater impact on the environment crossing even more sensitive areas including Water Lane (a SINC of significant geological and botanical interest) and an established wildflower meadow in my own land which has been supporting a wide variety of biodiversity including many birds on the red list and an established apiary on site will have to be moved. I have in writing from the Specialist Environmental Services and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre at Hampshire County Council would prefer the pipeline to take the existing route. Please will this be investigated further and</p>	<p>1.6 Ms Gaze also states that the Applicant's alignment will have a far greater impact on the Water Lane SINC. However, the proposed alignment utilises an existing farm track which crosses the SINC and is free of vegetation and Priority Habitat.</p> <p>1.7 The Applicant therefore considers routeing the pipeline to avoid the various areas of Priority Habitat is appropriate.</p> <p>1.8 By following the existing pipeline route as suggested by Ms Gaze, the project would impact several Priority Habitats, the Flood Plain, two watercourse crossings and a less favourable crossing of the Water Lane SINC.</p>



REP4-091– Janet Gaze

Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3

WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
	<p>clarity sought as to the reason for this diversion?</p>	<p>Illustration 1: Known Constraints Plan showing Flood Plain in blue, Priority habitat in light green and SINC in dark green. Existing Pipeline is shown in purple.</p>  <p>1.9 The project considers it has taken the appropriate routing decision in this area, taking into account all of the factors, and continues to work with Ms Gaze to resolve issues regarding her land holding.</p>



REP4-095 – Derek and Linda Hammond

REP4-095– Derek and Linda Hammond Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3		
Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
1.1	The entrance to the property will be affected with no other access possible	1.1 The pipeline would be installed below the property access using a Horizontal Directional Drill technique, and there would therefore be no interference with access to the property, which would continue to be open for use at all times.
1.2	That the resale value of the property will be reduced	1.1 The Applicant does not consider that the property value would be impacted by the proposals but is continuing to try to engage with Mr and Mrs Hammond's valuation surveyor to discuss compensation issues. Contact was first made with Mr and Mrs Hammond's surveyor on 28 November 2019, again on the 18 December 2019, then on the 22 and 27 January 2020.
1.3	Esso has refused to reimburse Professional fees including legal and valuation costs	<p>1.1 The Applicant has not refused to reimburse legal costs and is in active discussion with the solicitors acting for Mr and Mrs Hammond regarding their claim for costs. The Applicant is also willing to reimburse the reasonable costs of Mr and Mrs Hammond's valuation surveyor. The Applicant has been in direct contact with Mr and Mrs Hammond's surveyor on the dates set out above to request fee estimates and to provide fee undertakings so that matters can be progressed.</p> <p>1.2 The Applicant has also agreed to review the costs of a property marketing appraisal valuation and report commissioned by Mr and Mrs Hammond before their valuation surveyor was engaged.</p>



REP4-100 – Heronscourt and Colville Gardens Residents Associations

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Turfhill Park - Review of the Applicant's Arboricultural Report - Late submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority		
WR Para Ref	Point raised	Applicant response to point raised:
1	<p>Comparison to BS5837:2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assertion that trees at Turf Hill should be classed as a major landscape feature (A2) and not B2 or a lower quality. b) Assertion that the tree survey does not take into account the trees on either side of the path. c) Assertion that some trees are not included. d) Assertion that tree life expectancy is too low (20 years rather than 50 years). e) Assertion that there are differences 	<p>1.1 The Applicant's tree survey was undertaken by a qualified arboriculturalist with over 25 years' experience in the arboricultural industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The tree survey at Turf Hill was undertaken following the recommendations of British Standard (BS) 5837:2012. The purpose of BS 5837 is to provide an assessment of trees for the purpose of planning. It is not a landscape assessment (which is provided separately within ES Chapter 10 (Application Document APP-050)). However, it does consider the landscape contribution of trees through the use of sub category 2, hence why the majority of mature trees surveyed at this location are classed as B2 or C2. The woodland does not merit an A2 categorisation, as it is not of great age or diversity. It is also not a primary landscape feature, but is one of many areas of non-native coniferous woodland in an area historically characterised by heathland. b) The Site Specific Plan provided for Turf Hill (REP4-050) shows the location of the trees surveyed in relation to the intended pipeline centreline. It also shows the trees that the Applicant is intending to retain and remove. c) The survey covered trees with a stem diameter greater than 150mm that could be affected by the project. Trees with a diameter of less than 150mm were not surveyed. In addition, smaller trees located within the root protection areas (RPA) of larger trees were not individually surveyed, as the RPA of the larger tree would cover the same area. BS 5837:2012 notes at 4.2.4 b) that '<i>In the case of woodlands or substantial tree groups, only individual trees with stem diameters greater than 150mm usually need to be plotted</i>'.



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	<p>between the survey and features on the ground.</p> <p>f) Assertion that Root protection areas are significantly less than the crown would indicate.</p>	<p>d) The tree schedule does not record life expectancy. The figures of 10+ 20+ and so on are estimated remaining contribution. Whilst many trees could grow for decades, they may not be of good enough quality or value to contribute to the landscape or site (young trees are a good example). Therefore, the standard identifies trees with stems of less than 150mm as being of low quality. These trees can be readily replaced with new planting despite perhaps having a life expectancy of 100 years or more (dependent upon species). Mature trees within a woodland setting growing in proximity will naturally decline or develop poor form due to the surrounds, and hence they will often have a lesser remaining contribution than an open grown tree.</p> <p>e) As noted in c) above, if a tree is within the RPA of adjacent trees then it may not be recorded. Trees outside of the survey area (not likely to be affected) were also not recorded. Of the three trees noted in the report by Mr Hogg:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Applicant is checking the location of this tree. II. T9 is within a private garden not as shown in Picture 1 as referred to. III. The eucalyptus stems are located behind T10, a dead pine. There are a number of oaks within the vicinity that have been surveyed (e.g. T1, T8, T9 T46) and the RPAs of the oaks would also encompass the RPA of the eucalyptus stems. <p>f) The RPA for all surveyed trees is in accordance with BS 5837:2012 and has no relation to crown spread. Whilst it is true roots will spread beyond the crown, this is not how BS 5837:2012 is applied. Section 4.6.1 of BS 5837:2012 sets out how RPAs are to be calculated. There is also a capped RPA of 707m², which is equivalent to a radius of 15m from the tree stem.</p>



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2	<p>Cost of tree works</p> <p>The costs of applying appropriate technical measures in order to avoid damaging a very large number of trees would be very considerable. Given this is the installation of a very large steel pipeline it is unlikely that the Applicant could prevent substantial damage even if the maximum possible measures were employed.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant does not consider a pipe with a nominal internal diameter of 30cm to be 'very large'.</p> <p>1.2 Pipeline contractors are used to working in close proximity to trees, and the National Joint Utilities Group Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees ('NJUG Volume 4' (2007), which the Applicant has committed to observe in commitment G95, sets out measures for installing services in and around trees. In addition, the Applicant has made additional commitments in relation to trees, as set out in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-035). The Applicant has also identified the potential trees affected at Turf Hill in the Site Specific Plan submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-050).</p>
3	<p>Translocation of sand lizards</p> <p>Protection of vulnerable populations of fauna during construction projects is well understood and a common occurrence, with temporary relocation of fauna and the use of barrier measures normally regarded as more</p>	<p>1.1 Sand lizards and their habitats are only one of a number of sensitive ecological constraints at Turf Hill. As part of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA), Turf Hill also supports breeding populations of ground nesting birds of International importance.</p> <p>1.2 Construction works at Turf Hill (and all other impacted SPA areas) are seasonally restricted to between 1 October and 31 January (unless otherwise agreed by Natural England), when ground nesting bird breeding activity would not be occurring. Sand lizard translocation, with its necessary habitat manipulation, cannot be undertaken in this permitted working timeframe, as the sand lizards would be hibernating and any attempt to translocate would result in poor efficacy and likely mortality of individuals. Translocation, under the required</p>



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	<p>than adequate. It is a cheap and effective approach. In the case of sand lizards those measures should of course be taken well in advance of construction as they are only effective when the lizards are visible. In other words some sensible project planning could entirely mitigate the “sand lizard problem”.</p>	<p>European Protected Species mitigation licence, would not be permitted by Natural England between October and January.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Alternative route Proposes the alternative route around the edge of Turf Hill would be simpler, cheaper and less damaging.</p>	<p>1.1 The Applicant has responded to this point in TH.1.5 of its Response to the ExA’s First Written Questions – Turf Hill (TH) (REP2-049) and in TH.2.2 in its Responses to the ExA’s Further Written Questions (REP4-028).</p>



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4 Appendices

Appendix A: Email from Hart District Council Regarding Data Requests

From: Andrew Turner
Sent: 09 May 2018 09:27
To: Matthew Saunders
Cc: Tunde Knez; Fletcher, Ian (Winnersh); a.blaxland@adamshendry.co.uk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Thank you for letting us know Matthew and thank you for your help with the information you have been able to provide.

If there is anything specific that we need and think you might be able to help with we will come back to you.

Kind regards

Andy

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Subject: Re: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Mr Turner,

Unfortunately I am unable to find the other information that Mat has not been able to provide. I hope that you have enough information from the layers that Mat has sent you.

Thanks

Matt

Matthew Saunders

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From: Tunde Knez
Sent: 30 April 2018 13:30:45
To: Matthew Saunders
Subject: Fw: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Hi,

Wasn't sure if you can supply them with the ones Mat wasn't able to?

Kind regards,
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From: Fisk, Mathew <Mathew.Fisk@easthants.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 April 2018 16:13
To: Tunde Knez; Peter Silvester
Cc: Emma Whittaker; Matthew Saunders
Subject: RE: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

All,
Update to this – I have sent Landscape Character Assessment data so just the others outstanding.

Mathew Fisk – Geographic Information Systems Officer

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From: Fisk, Mathew
Sent: 26 April 2018 10:20
To: 'Tunde Knez' <tunde.knez@hart.gov.uk>; Silvester, Peter <Peter.Silvester@easthants.gov.uk>
Cc: Emma Whittaker <emma.whittaker@hart.gov.uk>; Matthew Saunders <matt.saunders@hart.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

All,

We've already started looking at this for you following the email to Peter earlier this week. Unfortunately, we're not going to be able to supply much of what they require outside of the GIS layers we hold on your behalf. Things we don't hold are:

Planning Weekly Lists

Landscape Character Assessment Data

Contaminated Land

Local Green Space/Recreation (not sure if you hold this either as shape data)

Public Open Space (as above)

Locally Important Geology (not relevant I think)

Cemeteries – if you let me know where these are I can digitise outlines?

Historic Lanes

Local Authority Wildlife Project Locations (don't think you have any?)

Private Water Supplies

Allotments

Additionally, we hold no information on your historic landfill materials as per the last request on the email. We'll send what we hold to them today and copy you in to let you know what has been provided.

Regards,

Mathew Fisk – Geographic Information Systems Officer

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From: Tunde Knez [<mailto:tunde.knez@hart.gov.uk>]

Sent: 26 April 2018 09:37

To: Silvester, Peter <Peter.Silvester@easthants.gov.uk>; Fisk, Mathew <Mathew.Fisk@easthants.gov.uk>

Cc: Emma Whittaker <emma.whittaker@hart.gov.uk>; Matthew Saunders <matt.saunders@hart.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Morning,

Could one of you please help with the below query?

Thanks

Kind regards,

Tunde

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From: Andrew Turner <a.turner@adamshendry.co.uk>

Sent: 25 April 2018 13:44

To: Tunde Knez; Emma Whittaker; Peter Silvester

Cc: ian.fletcher2@jacobs.com

Subject: Re: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Dear Emma, Tunde and Peter,

Sorry to hassle, but has any progress been made in providing the GIS information in the email below? We need this urgently to undertake the work of the Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

If I can be of any help what so ever, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Andy

Andy Turner

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From: Tunde Knez <tunde.knez@hart.gov.uk>

Date: Monday, 23 April 2018 at 13:04

To: Emma Whittaker <emma.whittaker@hart.gov.uk>

Cc: Andy Turner <a.turner@adamshendry.co.uk>, Peter Silvester <peter.silvester@easthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Hi Emma,

I copied in Pete who can hopefully help with this request.

Kind regards,

Tunde

Tünde Knéz

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From: Emma Whittaker
Sent: 23 April 2018 12:47:50
To: Tunde Knez
Cc: a.turner@adamshendry.co.uk
Subject: Fw: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Dear Tunde

please can you advise who will be able to provide these GIS layers? This does need to be actioned fairly quickly (by the end of this week if possible)

kind regards

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From: Fletcher, Ian (Winnersh) <ian.Fletcher2@jacobs.com>
Sent: 02 March 2018 14:33
To: Emma Whittaker
Subject: Information request from Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Dear Emma,

I write further to the SLP Forum meeting on Friday 23 February 2018, and the subsequent project briefing that was circulated yesterday by my colleague Simon Gill.

At that meeting I indicated that we would need to contact you to request GIS data to assist us with developing the project. The purpose of this email is to request that data for Hart.

Please find below a table setting out the requested data, the department that we think may hold that data and the format we think you will hold it in.

Conservation Areas	Planning	GIS Shape File
Adopted local plan designations and allocations	Planning	GIS Shape File
Emerging local plan designations and allocations	Planning	GIS Shape File
Adopted Neighbourhood plan designations and allocations	Planning	GIS Shape File
Live Planning applications, recent decisions, appeals and pre-application discussions	Planning	Weekly Lists
Tree preservation Orders	Planning	GIS Shape File

Local/County Wildlife sites/ SINCI/ SNCI	Planning	GIS Shape File
Landscape Character Assessments/Areas	Planning	GIS Shapefiles and references to source which we believe may be Hart District Landscape Assessment, Hart District Council and Hampshire County Council, Scott Wilson 1997
Flood Zone 3a and 3b	Planning	GIS Shape File
Contaminated Land – determinations, candidate sites, previous remediation	Environmental Health / Contaminated Land	GIS Shape File, record entries
Landfill – records of filling history, investigation, monitoring, risk assessment	Environmental Health / Contaminated Land	GIS Shape File, record entries (See below)
Protected hedges – Parish boundaries, veteran hedges	Planning	GIS Shape File
Local List Heritage Assets	Planning	GIS Shape File
Open Spaces and protected recreation spaces/sports fields	Planning	GIS Shape File
Public open space designations	Planning	GIS Shape File
Historic lanes	Planning	GIS Shape File
Locally important geological sites	Planning	GIS Shape File
Cemeteries	Planning	GIS Shape File
Biodiversity Opportunity Areas/ Nature Improvement Areas	Planning	GIS Shape File
Local Authority Wildlife Project Locations	Planning	GIS Shape File
Private water supplies (abstraction)	Planning	GIS Shape File
Allotments	Planning	GIS Shape File

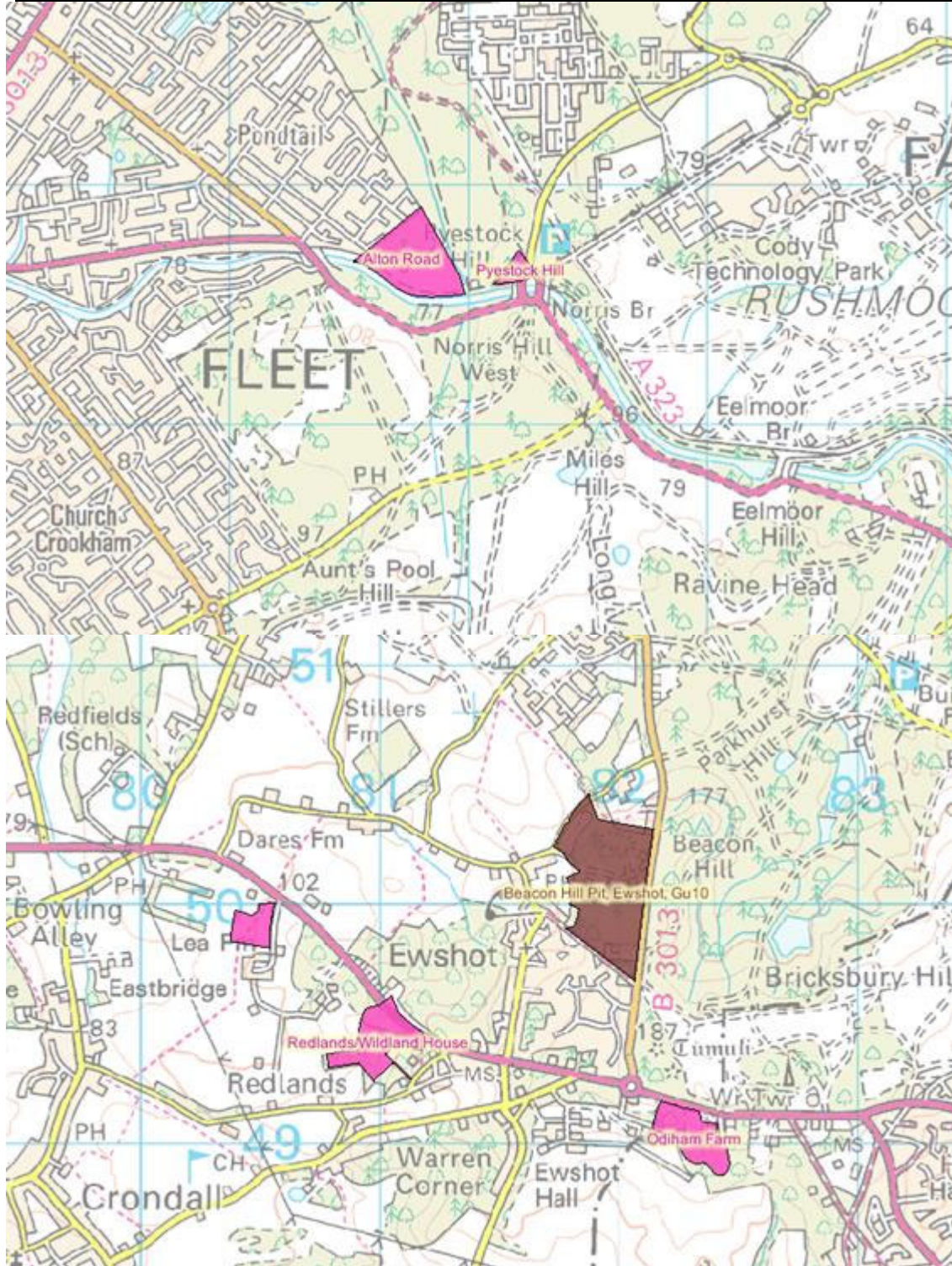
With regard to landfill sites we would like to request any information you may hold about the about the landfills which could be relevant to the proposed scheme. Such information could include:

- landfill type
- landfill depths
- dates of operation
- types of waste accepted
- details of current duty holders
- copies of current permits (for authorised landfills)
- construction details (e.g. types of lining, leachate systems, gas systems etc (if any))
- any gas, groundwater or leachate monitoring data or site investigation reports
- locations of any boreholes to be protected or available for sampling

- any known pollution incidents
 - any other landfill that you are aware of not mentioned above or shown on the attached plans.
- We have information suggesting that the following landfills may potentially be affected by the route. Please see the attached map showing the locations of these landfills as we understand it.

Historic Landfills

Site Name	Reference Number	Site Address	District Council
Pyestock Hill	EAHLD12793	Fleet, Hampshire	Hart
Redlands/Wildland House	EAHLD34247	Redlands Lane, Emshot	Hart
Alton Road	EAHLD12792	Fleet, Hampshire	Hart



If it is easier to provide a limited dataset by area, for example the planning applications, please use the shapefile sent by Simon Gill on 1 March

Should you have any queries, or need details of our licence from the Ordnance Survey, please let me know as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ian Fletcher, BSc (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI

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Appendix B: Email to Rushmoor Borough Council Requesting a Meeting

Subject: Southampton to London Pipeline project update
Date: Tuesday, 17 December 2019 at 16:18:47 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Andy Blaxland
To: tim.mills@rushmoor.gov.uk
CC: info@slpproject.co.uk
Attachments: image001.gif, Resident's letter final Cabrol Rd[3].pdf, QEP leaflet_A5_191213.pdf, Letter of Intent Rushmoor - 17th December 2019 [1].pdf, Queen Elizabeth Park EIP Map - 17th December 2019[1].pdf

Dear Tim

I appreciate you are busy today, so I thought I'd send a brief email and enclosures to you for your information and review. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss it.

We are submitting information to the Planning Inspectorate at Deadline 3 tomorrow, particularly in response to the Examining Authority's Actions from the Hearings. This will include information in relation to Queen Elizabeth Park and other topics raised by the Borough Council and discussed at the Hearings. When we last spoke, we discussed a potential meeting date early in the New Year, and we wondered if a date late in the w/b 6 January might be convenient for the Council, if that gives you sufficient time to review the information we submit at Deadline 3? Further information is to be submitted at Deadline 4 (30 January), including the outline LEMP, outline CTMP, updated CEMP and outline method statements.

Enclosed with this email is a copy of a covering letter and postcard/leaflet that is being distributed to residents living in Cabrol Road and Queen Victoria Court, to provide information on the project's approach regarding installation of the replacement pipeline within the park. An associated website will also go live tomorrow, as referred to in the letter. The website is specific to Queen Elizabeth Park and hosts a video which explains our intentions for our works within the park, which you may refer to on your existing social media channels should you wish to do so.

Also enclosed with this letter is an update to the previous EIP letter that was issued to the Council for review and comments. This letter mirrors the information in the previous version, except for the inclusion of new wording referring to the two ponds within Queen Elizabeth Park, which was discussed with Empress Ward Councillors during a site visit on the 10 October 2019. We would welcome your comments on that in due course.

When we last spoke you mentioned that the Council's TPO records were being updated, and that it would be possible to check which are the "missing" TPOs referred to in the Council's Written Representation. I think you were also going to check the composition/contact details for the Queen Elizabeth Park community group that is already established, or if the Council is supporting its establishment, as we would like through the Council to arrange a meeting with the group.

There are a number of other issues that we can discuss and update on in the New Year when we meet, but in the meantime I hope that the above and enclosed information is helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything or would like any further information.

Kind regards

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