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In light of the most recent ruling by the Court of Appeal with regard to the legality of the UK government's authorisation of Heathrow expansion, will the Examining Authority now consider the UK government's commitments under the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change as relevant to this application?

Esso's planned Southampton to London Pipeline project will increase UK carbon emissions in that the project will increase the flow of aviation fuel to Heathrow by 44%, facilitating an increase in air traffic. Moreover, the destruction of vegetation, trees, shrubs and hedgerows, along the pipeline route will reduce UK capacity to sequester carbon dioxide, thus also increasing net carbon emissions. It may take several decades for new planted trees to grow sufficiently to equal the absorption capacity of existing mature trees destined for removal, destruction.

On this basis, we believe that the Examining Authority should recommend rejection of the application by the Secretary of State.

Yours faithfully

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