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Dear Sirs,

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

We act on behalf of Colin Rayner of Rayner Farms, [REDACTED]  
Berkshire [REDACTED]

We would like to pass onto the Inspector Mr Rayner's apologies for not being present at the hearing.

Rayner Farms are occupiers of land affected by the above scheme and we understand that the question of engagement and level of progress in relation to agreement between Rayner Farms and the Applicant was raised and discussed at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

We are grateful for the Hearing's attention being drawn to Mr Rayner's concerns and recognition that engagement has been rather late in the examination process in the case of Rayner Farms and one other occupier.

Mr Rayner had intended to attend the hearing but we were informed by the Applicant's agents that this was not the forum to address specific issues and that the hearing was to update on progress being made with agreements.

We are grateful to the Inspector for highlighting the need for engagement with Rayner Farms by the Applicant and that efforts are now (albeit rather late in the day) being made to do so.

In summary we would re-iterate Rayner Farms prime concerns as :-

- Re-instatement of the drainage system which will be damaged by the scheme
- Continuing operation of the drainage system during construction
- Security and prevention of trespass during construction
- Access to orphaned land during the construction process by Rayner Farms
- Access to the site by the Applicant and location of compound areas
- Mitigation of how the works will impact the 5 year aftercare plan for the site

Yours faithfully,

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