

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

**Deadline 6 – 5 March 2020**

**Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held at the Village Hotel Farnborough on  
Monday 24 February 2020**

**Highways England's written summaries of oral submissions**

- The latest Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (REP5-040) states against the Highways England plots (ID298 on the last page) "Protective Provision Agreement in negotiation SoCG Signed."
- It was Highways England's understanding that both the Protective Provision Agreement and the SoCG exclude Highways England's interests in land, being confined to technical matters and protection of Highways England's assets.
- However aside from lands matters drafting of both the Protective Provision Agreement and the SoCG is progressing well.
- The SoCG submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 (REP 5-015) will need to be altered either to exclude land matters or to include the state of agreement between the Applicant and Highways England on lands matters.
- Further work is needed from the applicant in establishing what land and rights over land are owned by Highways England outside the highway boundary. Discussions can then take place in respect of the Applicant acquiring the land or rights by agreement from Highways England.
- We consider that proposed easements within the SRN boundary should be removed from the Compulsory Acquisition Schedule as the necessary powers are contained in Article 28 of the dDCO (REP5-003).
- Certain plots appear to have transferred statutorily by virtue of Section 265 of the Highways Act between HE and SCC and vice versa. The true ownership of these plots remains to be established.

## **Highways England's Further Submissions on the Compulsory Acquisition**

The SoCG has now been amended and agreed with the Applicant and we expect the Applicant to submit the revised version at Deadline 6.

The principal changes are:

- The SoCG now includes land matters
- The treatment of land parcels inside the highway boundary of the Strategic Road Network is agreed
- The treatment of land parcels outside the highway boundary of the Strategic Road Network is subject to further discussion.

Highways England considers that there is a good prospect of agreement being reached on the three parcels of land outside the highway boundary of the Strategic Road Network, but not necessarily before the close of the Examination.