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Introduction

This Commitment to Community Consultation document sets out Esso's approach to consultation on our Southampton to London Pipeline Project, which will replace a substantial part of the existing pipeline used to transport aviation fuel between Southampton and London.

This document explains the community consultation being undertaken at our first, non-statutory stage of consultation, and covers:

- The consenting process
- When and where the consultation is taking place, and who we will consult
- How we will consult, and where people can find out more information
- How people can provide their feedback, and how Esso will process it.

This consultation starts on 19th March 2018 and closes on 30th April 2018

Project description

The Southampton to London Pipeline Project will replace 90km (56 miles) of aviation fuel pipeline running from Boorley Green in Hampshire to Esso's West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow via our Alton Pumping Station. The work is important as it will maintain fuel supplies to major airports in the South East. Pipelines are a safe, secure and low impact method of transporting fuel.

Esso is one of the most experienced pipeline operators in the UK, and we are committed to working in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. The project will use tried and tested technology and installation techniques to appropriately and effectively minimise impacts and local inconvenience. We will engage and consult with landowners, local communities and stakeholders to help us find the optimal solution.

Ultimately, we want to invest in the future, continuing to contribute to our local and national economy, helping to maintain over a thousand jobs at the UK's largest refinery in Fawley and in the surrounding community. The refinery is vital in supporting reliable supplies of fuel and other petroleum products for UK consumers.

What is Esso?

Esso Petroleum Company, Limited is the owner of the current pipeline and will make the Development Consent Order application to install and operate the new pipeline.

Approach to consultation

The first consultation is an important opportunity for local people and communities to influence how the project develops. It will provide an opportunity for those with an interest in the proposals to share their views. This will help us to better understand any concerns and issues and will allow us to ensure that the project is delivered in a way that considers all parties.

These views will be considered, alongside other relevant information, when taking further decisions to determine the preferred corridor. We'll then carry out a second consultation (known as the 'statutory consultation') as part of the preparation for our application for Development Consent to present our proposed route within the preferred corridor.

We are committed to carrying out a fair, inclusive and open consultation that is informative, accessible and gives people the opportunity to find the information they need to respond effectively.



The planning process and project timeline

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The installation of a pipeline like the one being proposed for this project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). This means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to construct and operate the project.

The Development Consent Order application will be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The Planning Inspectorate will provide a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will ultimately decide whether to grant the project consent.

More information on the planning process for NSIPs can be found at:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Before submitting an application, the Act requires developers to carry out consultation with local people and statutory stakeholders. Early involvement of communities, local authorities and stakeholders helps an applicant to identify valuable information about potential impacts of a scheme so that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into the project before an application is considered.

We anticipate carrying out two consultation phases on the project, to encourage early participation in the project and to give people the opportunity to comment on our preferred route.

Project timeline





The pipeline options consultation

We are holding a first stage of consultation with communities, stakeholders and expert groups and bodies on our shortlist of possible route corridors. Our consultation will give people the opportunity to understand, consider and respond to our early proposals and help us review and refine our plans ahead of formal consultation later in the year.

When we are consulting

This consultation starts on 19 March 2018 and closes at 2345 on 30 April 2018. All feedback must be received before this closing date.

Who we are consulting

Local communities

The Act requires consultation with people living near to the project who may be affected by the development, permanently or temporarily (such as during installation). We will adopt a similar approach when conducting our first non-statutory consultation.

We have identified a zone that reflects the most likely area of potential impacts and includes those who are likely to have the most interest in the project. This is broadly an area 50 metres either side of pipeline corridors. At the launch of the consultation, residents and businesses with postcodes inside this zone will be sent an overview of the project, details of the consultation and an explanation of how they can access further information. We'll also write to all landowners on the existing pipeline.

We will hold exhibitions during the consultation and provide important documents for reference at public locations inside, or near to, this zone.

We recognise that there may be interest in the project beyond the consultation zone. To promote the project more widely, we will undertake consultation activities outside of the consultation zone, including publicity in newspapers and through online engagement via our website (www.slpproject.co.uk). A more formal process will be used to identify persons with an interest in land (knowledge and land referencing) and these persons will be specifically identified as consultees for the purposes for the statutory consultation.

Elected representatives

We will consult with the elected representatives for the communities that may be affected by the proposals – including parish and town councils; district or borough councillors; county councillors; and Members of Parliament. As required by the Act we will also consult the local authorities adjacent to affected local authorities.

Prescribed consultees

The Act lists refers to certain bodies and organisations as “prescribed consultees” who need to be consulted as part of statutory consultation. This include a wide range of bodies such as the Environment Agency and the HSE, local utilities operators, Network Rail and the NHS We will adopt a similar approach when conducting our first non-statutory consultation and all the prescribed consultees will be sent a copy of the consultation brochure. Many of these organisations have already been informed about the project as part of our process of early engagement.

Hard to reach groups

From our discussions with local authorities and other stakeholders, and our own research, we will try to identify any individuals and groups that may experience difficulties taking part in the consultation



process for whatever reason. This could include young people, people with a physical disability or learning difficulties, people whose first language is not English or visitors to the area. We will, as far as possible, put in place proportionate and suitable approaches to provide access to the consultation according to the needs of these groups.

Local interest groups

We have identified a number of local interest groups who may have particular knowledge or specialisms that could help inform the project (such as local heritage, wildlife, recreation etc.).

How we will consult

Consultation materials

Consultation materials will be developed to help people understand the project:

- **Consultation brochure** – this will provide an overview of the complete proposals, including maps and information on the pipeline choices being put forward. It will also explain how people can take part in the consultation. The consultation brochure will be available at information points, on the project website (www.slpproject.co.uk) and at events.
- **Summary leaflet** – this will provide an easily accessible introduction to the proposals and include a general map of the project. It will be sent to residents in the consultation zone.
- **Map book** – this will include detailed maps of sections of the route, giving more information than the maps available in other documents. It will be available at relevant information points, online and on request.
- **Response form** – this questionnaire will provide an easy way for people to record and submit their feedback on the project.
- **Project website** – the project website (www.slpproject.co.uk) will be updated with the latest proposals. It will include an interactive map, showing the proposals and section-specific information. It will also include videos and all of the documents published for the consultation.

Consultation exhibitions

Exhibitions will enable local communities and stakeholders to meet the project team, discuss our proposals and ask questions.

The exhibitions will be held at accessible public locations along the route, in or near communities on the proposed pipeline corridors.

The exhibitions will take place shortly, but not immediately, after the launch of the consultation and end no later than one week before the consultation closes, to give people notice of the events and time to consider and provide their response.

Exhibitions will include displays showing the proposed pipeline corridors and area specific information as well as background on the project and how the corridors were developed. Information will also be available on how to take part in the consultation.

Exhibitions will be publicised in the consultation brochure, on the website and via adverts in local newspapers and through engagement with communities. They will take place at the following locations and times:



Exhibition Programme

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Tuesday 27th March	1400-2000	Byfleet	St Mary's Centre for the Community, Stream Close, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7LZ
Thursday 29th March	1400-2000	Alton	Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HN
Tuesday 3rd April	1400-2000	Ashford	Ashford Community Centre, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3NJ
Friday 6th April	1400-2000	Chobham	Chobham Village Hall, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AQ
Saturday 7th April	1100-1700	Wrecclesham	The Wrecclesham Community Centre, Greenfield Road, Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8TJ
Monday 9th April	1400-2000	Addlestone and Chertsey	Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9DR
Tuesday 10th April	1400-2000	Frimley	Lakeside Country Club, The Lakeside Complex, Wharf Road, Frimley Green, Surrey GU16 6PT
Wednesday 11th April	1400-2000	Ropley	Ropley Parish Hall, Vicarage Lane, Ropley, Alresford, SO24 ODU
Thursday 12th April	1300-1900	Worplesdon	Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3RF
Wednesday 18th April	1400-2000	Church Crookham	Church Crookham Baptist Church, 64 Basingbourne Road, Fleet, GU52 6TH
Friday 20th April	1400-2000	Bishop's Waltham	Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton SO32 1ED

Information points

Project documents will be placed in a number of local venues at the start of the consultation to allow those who prefer to view hard copy documents, or may have limited access to the internet, to view documents.

The following documents will be available at information points:

- Consultation brochure
- Summary leaflet
- Map book.

For the location of these, please see Appendix A.



Publicising the consultation

We will write to those within the consultation zone, and relevant stakeholders, at the launch of consultation to inform them of the project. We will also publicise the consultation in the following ways:

- Local advertising – we will advertise in local publications including Surrey Advertiser, Hampshire Chronicle, Kingston Guardian, Bracknell News and the Aldershot News and Mail Series, in print and online as appropriate. Adverts will be placed shortly after the launch of consultation.
- Press releases – press releases will be sent to local publications.
- Posters will be provided to information points.

Enquiries and further information

The following general enquiry channels will be available throughout the consultation:

- Tel: 07925 068905
- Email: info@slpproject.co.uk
- Address: SLP Project, 1180 Eskdale Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, RG41 5TU

Requests for documents

Esso will respond to reasonable requests for copies of documents. Requests for hard copies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient in advance.



Submitting feedback

The consultation is an important opportunity for local people and communities to influence how the project develops. The consultation will provide those with an interest in the proposals with the opportunity to share their views. This will help us better understand any concerns and issues and allow us to ensure that the project is delivered in a way that considers the needs of all parties.

These views will be considered, alongside other relevant information, in taking further decisions to determine a preferred route.

The consultation starts on 19 March 2018 and closes at 2345 on 30 April 2018. All feedback must be received before this closing date.

Feedback can be submitted in the following ways:

- Response form – available on the project website or in hard copy at events or on request.
- By email – to info@slpproject.co.uk
- By post – FREEPOST SLP PROJECT

The preferred and most efficient route to respond is via the online portal, accessed through the project website.

Those submitting their response online or by email will receive an automatic acknowledgement of their response. Written submissions will not receive an acknowledgement.

We cannot consider conversations as formal feedback. Should an individual be unable to submit feedback in writing, for example, due to literacy difficulties, we will consider any specific activities on a case-by-case basis and agree how best to meet the needs of that individual.

How we'll use feedback

Following the close of consultation, we will review all of the feedback we have received. We'll consider these views, alongside other relevant information, in taking further decisions to determine the preferred route.

When this consultation closes on 30 April, an independent company will review and analyse all responses. This consultation specialist will produce a report on the views shared by respondents, highlighting any issues and concerns, and additional information provided in responses. This report, along with other information, will help us inform our decisions on a preferred pipeline corridor.

The report will be published on our website and we will notify respondents when it is available.

We will also publish our response to the issues raised in the consultation. We are grateful for all contributions, but we will not be responding individually to everyone taking part in the consultation.



Appendix A: Information points

Community Locations

Location	Venue
Surrey	
Addlestone	Addlestone Library
	New Haw Community Centre
Ash	Ash Library
Ashford	Ashford Library
	Ashford Community Centre
Byfleet	Byfleet Library
Chertsey	Chertsey Library
Farnham	Farnham Library
	The Wrecclesham Community Centre
	Brightwells Gostrey Centre
Frimley Green	Frimley Green Library
Guildford	Guildford Library
Knaphill	Knaphill Library
Lightwater	Lightwater Library
New Haw	New Haw Library
Send	Lancaster Hall
Sheerwater	Parkview Centre for the Community
Shepperton	Shepperton Library
Staines	Staines Library
	Staines Community Centre
Stanwell	Stanwell Library
Wanborough	Wanborough Village Hall
West Byfleet	West Byfleet Library
Westfield	Moorcroft Centre for the Community
Weybridge	Weybridge Library
	Weybridge Centre for the Community
Woking	Woking Library
	The Maybury Centre
	The Vyne Centre for the Community
Old Woking	Old Woking Library
Worplesdon	Worplesdon Memorial Hall



Councils

<i>County Councils</i>	
Hampshire	
Surrey	

<i>District/Borough Councils</i>	
East Hampshire	Hants
Eastleigh	Hants
Winchester	Hants
Hart	Hants
Rushmoor	Hants
Guildford	Surrey
Runnymede	Surrey
Spelthorne	Surrey
Surrey Heath	Surrey
Waverley	Surrey
Woking	Surrey
Hounslow	London

<i>Parish and Town Councils</i>	
Alton Town Council	Hants
Bentley	Hants
Beech	Hants
Bentworth	Hants
Bighton	Hants
Binsted	Hants
Bishops Waltham	Hants
Botley	Hants
Bramdean and Hinton Ampner	Hants
Chawton	Hants
Church Crookham	Hants
Corhampton and Meonstoke	Hants
Crandall	Hants
Curdrige	Hants
Durley	Hants
East Tisted	Hants
Ewshot	Hants



Farringdon	Hants
Fleet	Hants
Four Marks	Hants
Froyle	Hants
Hedge End	Hants
Kilmeston	Hants
Lasham	Hants
Medstead	Hants
Newton Valence	Hants
Old Alresford	Hants
Ropley	Hants
Shalden	Hants
Upham	Hants
Warnford	Hants
West Tisted	Hants
Wield	Hants
Worldham	Hants
Ash	Surrey
Bisley	Surrey
Chobham	Surrey
Farnham	Surrey
Frensham	Surrey
Normandy	Surrey
Puttenham	Surrey
Pirbright	Surrey
Ripley	Surrey
Seale and Sands	Surrey
Send	Surrey
Tilford	Surrey
Tongham	Surrey
Wanborough	Surrey
West End	Surrey
Windlesham	Surrey
Worplesdon	Surrey