

# Windlemere SANG Construction Update

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Southampton to London  
Pipeline Project

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# About the project and Windlemere SANG

The Southampton to London Pipeline (SLP) project is replacing 90km of the underground fuel pipeline between Boorley Green, Hampshire and the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. Once installed it will be a quiet neighbour and will keep an estimated 100 road tankers off the roads every day\*.

Windlemere SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green-space) is a 15 hectare former golf course that is being re-wilded. The existing pipeline was installed between 1968-1972, before the area was designated as a SANG.

The replacement pipeline will be installed alongside the other existing pipelines that run under the park.

## About installation of the replacement pipeline

### What's happened so far

We have completed vegetation and tree removal and have been undertaking activities to discourage the protected Great Crested Newts from moving into our working area. We will be undertaking more mitigation activities to protect Great Crested Newts before and during our works – inline with our approved licence from Natural England.

### Installation

- Installation is planned to start in early May.
  - We will create a works access into the SANG from Blackstround Lane East road.
  - We will fence the working area through the SANG, most likely working south to north through the SANG.
  - We are using trenchless installation methods under the Lightwater Bypass A322 (TC021). This will require the setting up of a working area within the park near the A322 boundary.
- The open cut installation method will require us to top soil strip the working area and safely store the soils nearby. This is industry best practice. The top soil will be replaced and reseeded once installation is complete.
- Installation will take around three months.

### Using the park during installation

You will still be able to use and enjoy the majority of the SANG during installation. We will display information notices about the work.

Our construction working hours are between 08:00 and 18:00 on weekdays (except Public and Bank Holidays) and on Saturdays – except in the event of an emergency. You may see our team setting up and closing down an hour either side of our working hours.

Please take extra care when approaching any area within the order limits shown on the map overleaf. There will be people, vehicles and construction activity in these areas.

### Reinstatement

There will be a pause between the end of installation and reinstatement activities in Windlemere SANG. This is because we need to reseed and replant in the appropriate season. Reinstatement is planned to take place from November 2022.

We'll keep you up to date with our progress, via the dedicated page on our website and our e-newsletter.

Reinstatement works will consist of:

- Re seeding will be mixed broadleaved and coniferous woodland and woodland field boundary mix for seasonally wet loamy and clayey soil.
- Replacing trees on a one-for-one basis using only native species. Where possible, replacement tree planting will be located as close as possible to the original tree.
- A five year after care period will be in place, and was designed to ensure trees and vegetation establishes.

## Keeping 100 road tankers off the road every day\*

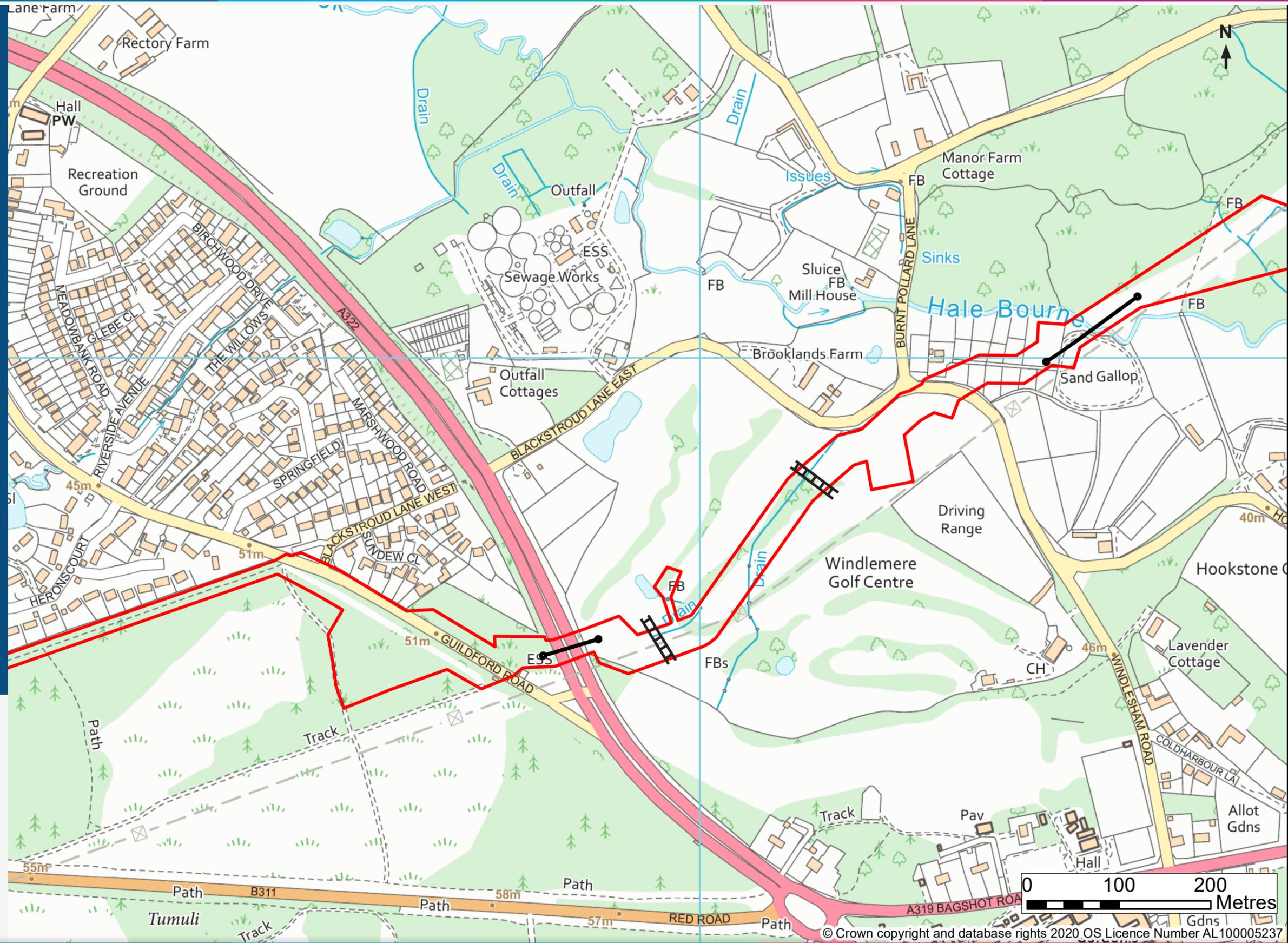


\*Based on Esso's 2015 data for its existing pipeline



# Windlemere SANG

- Open cut works in the SANG are due to begin in early May 2022.
- Lighwater bypass (TC021) is due to start in early May 2022.
- Reinstatement will take place in the next available season appropriate for planting: likely to be November 2022.
- Once installed, the pipeline will be a quiet neighbour and will go unnoticed by most people.
- We will fully mitigate and reduce impacts to Great Crested Newts under a licence from Natural England.



## Legend

- District boundary
- Maximum limit of the working area, also known as Order Limits
- Trenchless crossings
- Crossing points



Southampton to London Pipeline Project

This project is replacing approximately 90km of our underground aviation fuel pipeline from Boorley Green, Hampshire to our West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. Pipelines are a safe, secure and low-impact way of transporting fuel. The pipeline will keep 100 road tankers off the road every day.\*  
 \*based on Esso's 2015 data for its existing pipeline

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## Frequently asked questions?

### Will Windlemere SANG remain open

Access to Windlemere SANG will be available throughout installation. If there are any areas of closure, including footpath diversions, we will notify the community in advance.

### Will the car park remain open

The car park used for Windlesham SANG will not be impacted by the works.

### How are you protecting the Great Crested Newts

We have thoroughly surveyed the ponds in Windlemere SANG for Great Crested Newts. To protect them, we will put up fences and move them out of the working area before installation starts under a licence from Natural England.

### What are the plans for reinstatement

Where the topsoil has been stripped and stored, this will then be replaced after the works have been completed and either reseeded or left to naturally regenerate, following discussion with Surrey Heath Borough Council.

The vegetation reinstatement will be subject to a five-year aftercare.

## Community charter



### Plenty of notice

We'll let you know at least two months in advance of any work starting and if our plans change, we'll let you know.



### Here to help

Our local team will be available by phone or email to answer any questions you have.



### Information directly to you

Our local area e-newsletter and alerts will let you know what's happening. Where we are working in streets or roads, we'll operate a dedicated text service to inform interested residents.



### In your area

We'll make sure information about installation in your area is easy to find on our website, in a way that is easy for you to identify what's important to you. In some public parks, we'll hold pop up events to meet with those using the facilities and give out information about our installation plans.



### Talking to landowners

All landowners affected by the installation will have a dedicated member of our lands team to contact to discuss our work.



### Open and honest

We'll be clear about our works and any disruption that may take place.



### Safe and secure

We'll keep our team safe, and we'll keep you safe. Our commitment to health and safety is at the heart of our business and we'll make sure your safety is not impacted by our work.



### Well managed sites

Our sites will use fencing suitable to the location and we'll use things like wheel washing on our vehicles to keep the surrounding roads clean.

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