

Response to the Southampton to London Pipeline Project's replacement pipeline corridor consultation.

Summary

The report sets out the response to the Southampton to London Pipeline Project's consultation on the replacement pipeline corridor options. The consultation began on Monday 19th March and ends on 30th April 2018. The consultation documents can be viewed at: www.slpproject.co.uk

Objections are raised in respect of a sub option which would route the pipeline corridor in close proximity to the Frimley District Centre and Frimley Park Hospital, owing to the possible significant disruption associated with this routing.

No objections or concerns are raised in respect of pipeline corridor options that do not pass through the Borough.

Portfolio: Special Projects

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 26 March 2018

Wards Affected

ALL

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE that the response set out in the letter at Annex 1 of this report as the Council's formal response to the Southampton to London Pipeline Project's replacement pipeline corridor consultation.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 There are no resource implications beyond that provided for within the agreed budget for 2017/18.

2. Background

- 2.1 Esso operates a 105km pipeline that transports aviation fuel from Fawley refinery in Hampshire to the Esso's West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. The underground pipeline, which enters Surrey Heath 100m east of Farnborough North Station and exits the Borough South of Longcross Road in Chobham Common, has been operational for several decades.
- 2.2 Replacement of the pipeline will ensure that the current supply of aviation fuel to some of Britain's busiest airports can be maintained into the future. Not replacing the pipeline could result in over 100 more truckloads of fuel on the road network each day. The existing pipeline will continue to operate until the replacement pipeline is fully in service. The Southampton to London Pipeline (SLP) Project launched on the 11th of December 2017 and will replace 90km of the 105km pipeline.

3. Corridor J proposals

- 3.1 Corridor J would follow a similar route to the existing pipeline, with proposals including possible deviations in the Frimley area and Chobham Common Special Protection Area. Annex 2 of this report shows the location Corridor J in the Borough.
- 3.2 Sub corridor two would have the pipeline entering the Borough just south of Junction 4 of the M3, bypassing Frimley High Street to the north and passing south of Frimley Park Hospital, before being routed in the vicinity of Chobham Road (B311) and Old Bisley Road for 1km, re-joining a similar route to the existing pipeline at Pine Ridge Golf Club.
- 3.3 Objections are raised in respect of the significant disruption that is likely to be caused as a result of routing the replacement pipeline in the vicinity of Frimley Park Hospital, Frimley District Centre and surrounding highways infrastructure, including major roundabouts on the A325. These areas are already prone to significant congestion, particularly during rush hour and hospital visiting hours. Installing the replacement pipeline in this location could have significant implications, including exacerbating existing congestion issues and have a significant detrimental impact upon the accessibility of Frimley Park Hospital. It is noted that the Council would resist any proposal which would exacerbate the current situation or inhibit the capacity of emergency vehicles to access the hospital.
- 3.4 Concerns are raised in respect of the route along Chobham Road (B311), with the presence of residential properties on either side of the road making the road the most viable location for the replacement pipeline. This could cause significant disruption to residents by impacting the local road network in this area, especially for small residential roads that can only be accessed by the B311.
- 3.5 Concerns are also raised in respect of the possible routing of the pipeline through an area of High Archaeological Potential west of the Grove and a small sub corridor that passes west of Frimley Green Local Centre which would route the pipeline through residential areas in Frimley Green.
- 3.6 No objections are raised in respect of the corridor option that follows a similar route to the current location of the pipeline.

4. Other corridor options

- 4.1 No objections or concerns are raised in respect of other corridor options which do not pass through the Borough.

5. Options

5.1 The options for the Executive to consider are:-

- (i) To **AGREE** the response on the consultation on replacement pipeline corridors as set out in Annex 1 of this report.
- (ii) To **AGREE** the response on the consultation on replacement pipeline corridors as set out in Annex 1 of this report and any additional comments which the Executive may wish to make.
- (iii) To **NOT AGREE** the response on the consultation on the replacement pipeline corridors as set out in Annex 1 of this report.

6. Proposals

6.1 It is proposed to submit the consultation response attached at Annex 1 by the 30th April 2018 deadline.

7. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

7.1 The proposals may affect the Council's ability to achieve the Objective for prosperity by affecting the Council's ability to support business and the wider community by impacting detrimentally on local transport and other infrastructure.

8. Policy Framework

8.1 The consultation process Surrey Heath is responding to will have implications for the Borough's accessibility and therefore may impact on the Council's ability to meet Objective 1 of the Core Strategy.

9. Other Matters

9.1 In relation to governance, sustainability, risk management, equalities impact, human rights, community safety, consultation, PR and Marketing there are no matters arising from this consultation by the Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

10. Consultation

10.1 The Southampton to London Pipeline Project's replacement pipeline corridor consultation runs between the 19th March and 30th April 2018.

Annexes	Annex 1 - letter to the Southampton to London Pipeline Project. Annex 2 - map showing the location of Corridor J in the Borough.
Background Papers	None
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Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

Resources	Required	Consulted
Revenue	✓	
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		
IT		
Other Issues	Required	Consulted
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	
Policy Framework		
Legal	✓	
Governance		
Sustainability	✓	
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment		
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation	✓	
P R & Marketing	✓	

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