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To the Owner/Occupier,

Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Construction Update – works near your boundary.

We are writing to let you know that we will soon start the open cut installation of our replacement pipeline in SC Johnson Land. This work is set to commence in June and is estimated to take four months.

It will involve the stripping and storing of topsoil, the excavation of a trench, the welding of pipe sections before installation and reinstatement of the topsoil.

Once work is complete, we will undertake replanting in early autumn 2022.

Construction update – Blackwater Valley trenchless crossing / SC Johnson site.

We are currently installing the trenchless section under the Blackwater Valley, one road and two railway lines. We are required to work continuously while installing under the railway lines. This work involves the installation of a protective casing, welding, the movement of plant and materials, lighting and generators.

While we are required to work continuously, we have programmed the works as such to do the noisiest activities during the day. For example, we expect to be undertaking activities such as welding and moving equipment and pipe overnight, whilst the casing is installed (similar to pile driving) during the day.

The drill itself is placed on the western side of the Blackwater Valley.

Installation activity is regrettably noisy. We will have noise mitigation in place and will monitor noise levels during this work.

Private properties are around 200m away from these works, so we expect any disruption to be minimal.

If you would like to know more about the installation of the replacement pipeline, please visit www.slpproject.co.uk

You can also sign up to our e-newsletter on the homepage of our website.

Yours sincerely,

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About the project.

The existing aviation fuel pipeline is one of several pipelines that Esso owns and operates across the UK. Few people are aware of these pipelines because there is little to see above ground. The existing pipeline was built between 1969 and 1972. It runs from our Fawley Refinery near Southampton to our West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. Pipelines are a safe way to transport fuel. This pipeline will keep around 100 road tankers off the road every day*.

The existing pipeline is working adequately, but the need for inspections and maintenance is increasing. It is just like your car; you reach a point where it makes more sense to replace it.

Once we have completed installation of the replacement pipeline, the existing pipeline will be decommissioned and made safe in situ in accordance with industry best practice.

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