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To the Owner/Occupier,

**Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project – Balmoral Drive installation update**

We are writing to provide an update on our work to install our replacement aviation fuel pipeline along Balmoral Drive.

Our initial estimate for completing works was the end of March 2023. However, due to challenging ground conditions and unknown utilities, unfortunately we will not be able to achieve this original target. We now estimate that works will be completed on Balmoral Drive in May 2023.

**Installation timeframe**

Works are being undertaken in three main phases:

- Sandringham Roundabout (closest to Frimley Green Road) to Buckingham Drive – The pipeline is currently being installed in this section; we anticipate this being completed this week, at which point reinstatement will begin. This is due to be completed by the end of March.
- Buckingham Drive to Sandringham Roundabout (furthest from Frimley Green Road) - The traffic management system that is currently in place will be changed to close this section of road, including the roundabout. A diversion will be in place using Pevensey Way and Peel Avenue. Works in this section will start in early April and are expected to be completed within four weeks.
- Sandringham Roundabout to Pevensey Road junction – Works in this section will follow next and are expected to start in late April / early May, with a completion at the end of May.

Upon completion of each section, the road will be fully reinstated.

Access for side streets will be retained, there may be periods where access is restricted due to installation activities. Our on-site team will work with residents and businesses to reduce the impact of our works.



## Noise and vibration

We have been monitoring both noise and vibration levels and we would like to reassure you that, although both noise and vibrations are noticeable to residents, our monitoring shows they are within expected levels. Due to poor ground conditions in the western end of Balmoral Drive, we have needed to use interlocking sheet piles to ensure the safety and security of our trench, these sheets are installed using a vibration technique. As we move east, ground conditions are improving which will result in the use of less intrusive trench supports and a reduction in noise and vibration.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding while we install our replacement fuel pipeline. Please rest assured our team are working as quickly and as safely as possible to complete the works and reinstate Balmoral Drive.

To find out more about the project, please visit [www.slpproject.co.uk](http://www.slpproject.co.uk).

You can also sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to stay up to date with our works. To sign up, please visit [www.slpproject.co.uk/signup](http://www.slpproject.co.uk/signup).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on the details below.

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