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There are already dozens of pipe lines running fuel round UK. Esso have themselves another line currently running through Alice Holt to Gatwick. Esso's record on is leakage is excellent. The current pipe line was installed in 1962. Currently they overfly the line every 2 weeks and physically walk it every 3 or 6 months. They now have tamper monitors installed all along the line which show instantly any disturbance.

However this does not remove the threat..

(In terms of residential threat, it is probably greater in Farnborough, Frimley and the outer London conurbations near Heathrow which involve many more residential properties than Farnham).

There are many valid arguments against Option M through Farnham including the Farnham Conservation area, potential damage to the foundations of listed buildings, the very restricted access into the west end of Park Row and the east end of High Park Row, the potential road closures of Crondall Lane and Castle Street up to and including the A325 to the Shepherd & Flock roundabout and the resulting traffic issues, the very large extra work load on Esso to negotiate a mass of new easement contract, the potential clash with the east street development etc.

However one important factor Esso have to consider is public opinion and feedback. A high volume of support or objection is probably more influential than a single letter from a town council.

So far the largest attendance at their public meeting has been at Frimley.

As you are probably aware, Esso have a website slpproject.co.uk. This allows any person or organisation to register the objections to and support of each Option with reasons. We/you need to somehow motivate as many people and organisations as possible to access this website and strongly support Option J and strongly object to Option M.

It is just as important to support J as it is to oppose M.

If Farnborough and Frimley vote in 1000s and Farnham in 10s, a clear conclusion will be drawn

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Points that everyone should be aware of:

The central Farnham route has the lowest ecological impact according to ESSO;

Well drained farmland either side of Farnham is ideal for lowest cost pipe laying - the trouble is that 1.2 miles of Farnham is in the way;

The existing pipeline cannot keep to the existing route exactly due to extensive development, major infrastructure and areas designated as "nature" reserves since the existing pipeline was laid:

The advantages of going through central Farnham is that if they stick to the roads, they only have to deal with Surrey County Council, consequently the number of landlords on route M are probably quite small which keeps costs down.

The advantages of sticking with Route J would be that existing Weyleaves exist and connection to Farnborough airfield would be easier.

We must remember that if the Farnham routes were not considered as viable, they would not have been included in the consultation.

I am seriously worried about the economic impact on the town, businesses and individual freeholders if either of the Farnham routes are chosen.