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18 July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Solent CO₂ Pipeline Project – launch of consultation on proposed corridors

The Solent region is one of the largest and most successful industrial areas in the UK, supporting around 90,000 businesses, and a £50bn economy.¹ The Solent industries include our Fawley Manufacturing Complex and other areas such as power generation, shipping and manufacturing. These industries produce essential products that we rely on every day.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology enables the delivery of a range of low carbon solutions with sufficient scale to decarbonise our site in Fawley and the industrial economy across the Solent region.

This Solent CO₂ Pipeline Project is seeking permission to install an underground pipeline to transport captured Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) to a safe, secure and permanent storage location in the English Channel.

I am pleased to announce our first consultation on our proposals. **At 9am on Thursday 18 July we published the consultation pipeline corridors and our proposals for the Project.** This consultation runs until 6pm on Friday 12 September 2024 and provides an opportunity for anyone who wishes to take part to comment on the Project.

We have also enclosed/attached the following key documents:

- Pipeline Corridor Consultation Brochure;
- Pipeline Corridor Consultation Direct Mail Leaflet, which is being sent to those living in the vicinity of the scheme;
- Pipeline Corridor E-newsletter;
- Pipeline Corridor Consultation Map Book;
- Contact card; and
- How to respond card.

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All the information is in the public documents enclosed/attached. Please do let us know if you need anything further by emailing info@solentco2pipeline.co.uk

The pipeline will be able to transport millions of tonnes per year of captured CO₂, paving the way for carbon reduction developments at Fawley and across the region. Its planned capacity is equivalent to removing over five million cars off the road each year.*

CCS technology has been recognised by the UK's Climate Change Committee, who described CCS as a "necessity, not an option" for the UK's transition to net zero.² The investment in these technologies will support the Solent region economy, maintain world class high-skilled jobs and make a significant contribution towards the Government's goal of achieving net zero by 2050.

Again, if you have any questions about the Project or this consultation, please contact info@solentco2pipeline.co.uk or call us on 07845 608 322.

Yours Faithfully,

Michael Foley

UK Low Carbon Solutions Executive

¹ The Solent Cluster (2024). About The Solent Cluster. Helping the UK achieve a Net Zero carbon economy by 2050.

² Committee on Climate Change (2019). Net Zero, The UK's contribution to stopping global warming. Page 23.

*Based on the UK's Government Greenhouse Gas Emissions Factors (2023), for petrol cars.