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Appendix E1: Section 46 Notification Letter to PINS

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18 October 2017

Dear Gareth

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation from 23 October 2017 to 4 December 2017

Section 42 Planning Act 2008

MetroWest Phase 1

The MetroWest project is a package of major rail improvements for the West of England region which is being delivered by the West of England councils (North Somerset District Council, Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council), working in partnership with Network Rail and Great Western Railway. The MetroWest proposals are being delivered in two phases, Phase 1 and Phase 2.

As part of Phase 1 of the MetroWest proposals (**MetroWest Phase 1**), North Somerset District Council (**NSDC**) proposes to re-open the Portishead branch line for passenger train services. NSDC is the promoter of MetroWest Phase 1 on behalf of itself and the three other West of England councils.

The element of MetroWest Phase 1 comprising the re-opening of the railway from Portishead to Pill comprises a “nationally significant infrastructure project” as defined under the Planning Act 2008 (the **2008 Act**). As a result, NSDC is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (**DCO**) to the Planning Inspectorate, who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Notice under Section 46 of the 2008 Act

Please treat this letter as notice to the Planning Inspectorate, under Section 46 of the 2008 Act, of NSDC's proposed DCO application in relation to MetroWest Phase 1. In accordance with Section 46 of

the 2008 Act, please find enclosed a USB flash drive of the following documents to be made available to consultees, pursuant to NSDC's duty to consult under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, online at www.travelwest.info/metrowest:

1. **Formal notice** (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act) of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals, enclosed in hard copy with this letter.
2. **MetroWest Stage 2 Consultation Leaflet** outlining the proposals for the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1.
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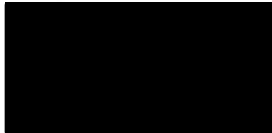
The period for consideration and response to these documents will run from 23 October 2017 to 4 December 2017.

Please note that on the enclosed USB flash drive of the MetroWest Section 42 consultation documents, the PEIR includes the Appendix 9.6 Badger Survey Report, which is marked on the USB as "CONFIDENTIAL." We will not publish Appendix 9.6 with the other consultation documents, and will only provide it on a confidential basis to the appropriate statutory consultee bodies.

We would be grateful for your confirmation by return letter that this letter and the accompanying documentation fully satisfy the requirements of Section 46 of the 2008 Act. If you wish to discuss this or any other issues in connection with MetroWest Phase 1, please contact James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager by email to James.Willcock@n-somerset.gov.uk, or by post at North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager
18 October 2017

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice under Section 48 of the 2008 Act.**
- 2. USB flash drive of the MetroWest Section 42 Consultation Documents.**
- 3. Index of USB flash drive at Enclosure 2.**

**Section 48 Planning Act 2008
Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)
Regulations 2009**

**PORTISHEAD BRANCH LINE (METROWEST PHASE 1) ORDER
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT
ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that North Somerset District Council (**the Applicant**), of Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1UJ, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (**the Application**).

The Application relates to the re-opening for passenger services of the railway branch line between Portishead and Pill, North Somerset, and to works to improve the existing railway line between Pill and Ashton Junction, Bristol (**the Project**). The Project is part of the MetroWest Phase 1 programme to enhance the West of England's local rail network. The Applicant is the promoter of the Project on behalf of itself and Bristol City Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council.

The proposed Development Consent Order will, amongst other things, authorise:

1. Construction of a 5.4km railway line from Portishead to Pill;
2. A new railway station at Portishead, including a car park, pedestrian and cycle access, and associated highways works;
3. A pedestrian bridge over the Portishead branch line near Trinity Anglican Methodist Primary School, Portishead;
4. A permanent compound and rail access point at Sheepway, on the northern side of the Portishead branch line and western side of Sheepway;
5. A temporary compound and haul road south of the Portishead branch line and north of the Portbury Hundred highway;
6. Works to the existing bridleway forming part of National Cycle Network Route 26 between Portishead and Pill;
7. Temporary compounds and haul roads north of the Portishead branch line on the north side of and beneath the M5 Motorway;
8. A temporary compound and haul road between the Portishead branch line and Lodway Close, Pill;
9. Re-opening the railway station at Pill, including a car park, pedestrian and cycle access, and associated highways works;
10. Works to the existing Portbury Freight Line between Royal Portbury Dock and Ashton Junction, Bristol, including repairs and/or modifications to bridges, tunnels, culverts and retaining walls, as well as replacement of track, sleepers and ballast;
11. A permanent compound at Chapel Pill Lane, Ham Green, Pill;
12. A new compound and permanent railway access at Clanage Road, Bower Ashton;
13. A new pedestrian ramp next to the existing railway in the vicinity of the existing Ashton Vale Road level crossing;
14. Closure of the footpath crossing over the existing railway at Barons Close in Bristol;
15. The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights for the Project;
16. Powers for temporary and permanent traffic regulation orders on highways and streets;
17. Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the Project;
18. Extinguishment of accommodation crossings;
19. The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including legislation relating to compulsory purchase;

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (**EIA**) development, and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application.

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Long Ashton Library, Lovelinch Gardens, Long Ashton BS41 9AH	Closed	*09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00 (*10-00 on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month)	Closed	09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00	Closed	09-30 to 13-00	Closed
Pill Library, Crockerne House, Underbanks, Pill BS20 0AT	Closed	09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00	Closed	Closed	09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 13-00	Closed
Portishead Library, Horatio House, 24 Harbour Road, Portishead BS20 7AL	Closed	*09-30 to 17-00 (*10-00 on the 2 nd Tuesday of the month)	09-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 13-00	10-30 to 14-30
Weston-super-Mare Library, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 19-00	Closed
Bedminster Library, 4 St Peter's Court, Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4AQ	10-00 to 19-00	Closed	10-00 to 19-00	10-00 to 17-00	10-00 to 17-00	10-00 to 17-00	Closed
Bristol Central Library, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TL	10-00 to 19-00	10-00 to 19-00	Closed	10-00 to 19-00	10-00 to 17-00	10-00 to 17-00	13-00 to 17-00
Marksbury Road Library, Marksbury Road, Bedminster, Bristol BS3	Closed	10-00 to 17-00	Closed	10-00 to 17-00	Closed	11-00 to 17-00	Closed

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Citizen Service Point, Bristol City Council, 100 Temple Street, BS1 6AG	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	Closed	Closed

The PEIR and other consultation documents will be available online from 23 October 2017 at www.travelwest.info/metrowest. Paper copies of the consultation documents can be obtained by contacting the Applicant by email at metrowest@westofengland.org, by telephone on 0117 922 4513, or by writing to James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager, West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER. A reasonable copying charge may apply, up to a maximum of £500 for the full suite of documents and £5 for an electronic copy on USB flash drive.

During the consultation period, members of the Project team will be available to answer queries at public information events being held by the Applicant at the following locations and times:

Location	Event	Date / Time
Somerset Hall, The Precinct, High Street, Portishead BS20 6AH	Public Information Day	Friday 10 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Engine Shed, Station Approach, Temple Meads, Bristol BS1 6QH	Public Information Day	Wednesday 15 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Trinity Anglican Methodist Primary School, Marjoram Way, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7JF	Public Information Day	Tuesday 21 November between 1.30pm – 7.30pm
Ashton Gate Stadium, Ashton Road, Bristol BS3 2EJ	Public Information Day	Wednesday 22 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Long Ashton Community Centre, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9DP	Public Information Day	Thursday 23 November between 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Pill Community Centre, Church Place, Pill, Bristol, BS20 0AE	Public Information Day	Friday 24 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Citizen Service Point, Bristol City Council, 100 Temple St, Bristol BS1 6HT	Unmanned Public Information Exhibition	Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December between 9.00am – 5.00pm

If you have any responses to this consultation, or any other representations you would like make or discuss in respect of the Project, you can submit your views in a number of ways:

- by completing the online feedback form at www.travelwest.info/metrowest;

- by email to metrowest@westofengland.org;
- by completing the paper feedback form available at the locations and public information events during the consultation period as listed in the tables above; or
- by post addressed to James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager, West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER.

Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project MUST (i) be received by the Applicant **on or before 4 December 2017**; (ii) be made in writing; (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation; (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation; and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Responses and other representations will be made public; comments will not be attributed to individuals and no personal details will be made public.

James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager, 19 October 2017.

MetroWest Phase 1

Section 42 Consultation: October to December 2017

Index of USB Drive of Consultation Documents

Note: This Index shows the USB's Folders in bold, and the documents within them in italics.

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Section 48 Notice

2. Consultation Leaflet

MetroWest Stage 2 Consultation Leaflet

3. Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

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Non-Technical Summary Cover Sheet

Non-Technical Summary

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James Willcock
By email

Our Ref: TR040011

Date: 24 October 2017

Dear Mr Willcock

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure
Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as
amended) – Regulation 6**

**Proposed application by North Somerset District Council for an Order
Granting Development Consent for the Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest
Phase 1**

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

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I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

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I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the proposed development .

I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other interested parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft development consent order, explanatory memorandum, the consultation report and any draft HRA. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the Data Protection Act 1998 to process personal data fairly and

lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Emre Williams

Emre Williams
Case Manager

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.



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06 September 2017

Dear Stakeholder

CONFIRMATION OF DETAILS FOR PORTISHEAD BRANCH LINE (METROWEST PHASE 1) SECTION 42 CONSULTATION

North Somerset District Council (NSDC) proposes to re-open the Portishead branch line for passenger train services as part of Phase 1 of the MetroWest proposals.

You may recall we wrote to you in March 2017, having identified you as a consultee for the Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) project.

As set out in that letter, our Joint Transport Board determined to postpone the launch of the consultation at that time and take a staged approach to the delivery of the scheme. It is now proposed that an initial passenger train service for the Portishead Line is promoted. Technical work has now been completed and has determined that an initial passenger service for the Portishead Line is feasible as an hourly or hourly service plus (45 minute service during the AM and PM peak, hourly off peak). After the reopening of the Portishead Line, there remains an ambition to provide a half hourly service; however this would be a separate project and would require separate funding, consents and major processes.

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proposals when it requested your comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report.

Before writing to you in a formal capacity, we would like to ensure we have the correct details for you, and would ask if you could check the following are correct:

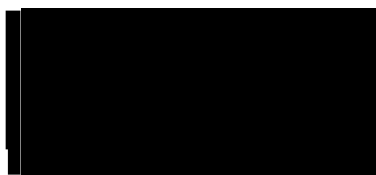
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- 3. The default format for the consultation documents to be sent is electronically, either on CD or via a download link, rather than paper copies.**

If any of these are incorrect, please contact Steven Penaluna by 15th September 2017 on 01934 427692 or steven.penaluna@n-somerset.gov.uk

If you would like more information of the Project and the wider MetroWest Phase 1 scheme, a summary is attached. Further information is available on our website at www.travelwest.info/metrowest. In addition to this we will be holding a series of exhibitions at key locations during the consultation period which you are invited to attend. The dates and venues of these will be confirmed when we write to you in October 2017.

In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager



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Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

TR040011

Applicant: North Somerset District Council

5.1 – Consultation Report and Appendices

Appendix E4: Example of letter inviting comments on Section 42 formal consultation to Section 42 consultees

Planning Act 2008: Sections 37(3)

Author: North Somerset District Council

Date: November 2019

Covering email accompanying the S42, S42 (additional) and S43 consultees that requested to be served by email for the:

Stage 2 Consultation

23 October 2017 to 4 December 2017

Steven Penaluna

From: Steven Penaluna
Sent: 19 October 2017 21:07
To: Steven Penaluna (Steven.Penaluna@n-somerset.gov.uk)
Subject: Portishead branch line (MetroWest Phase 1) section 42 consultation notification
Attachments: MetroWest Phase 1 Section 42 Notification.pdf

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23 October 2017 to 4 December 2017

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19 October 2017

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Consultation from 23 October 2017 to 4 December 2017

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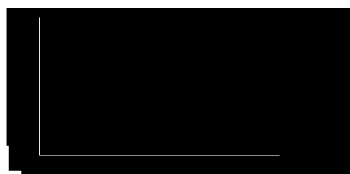
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Yours faithfully



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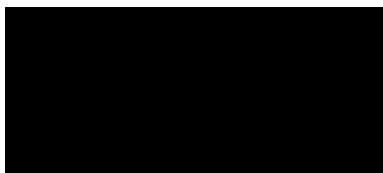
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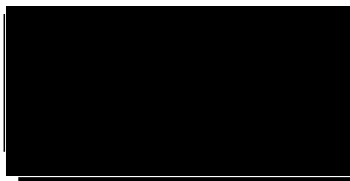
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Template letter to Section 44 consultees (persons with an interest in land)
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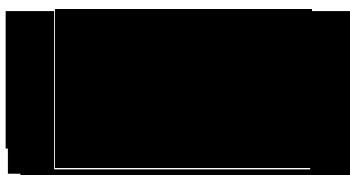
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Location	Event	Date / Time
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If you wish to discuss this consultation, require further copies of the documentation or have any other issues in connection with MetroWest Phase 1, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager
19 October 2017

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Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: land affected by proposed TROs

7 December 2017 to 15 January 2018

Template letter to Section 44 consultees (persons with an interest in land)
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[Insert addressee / address of property]

Dear [Sir / Madam]

Ref: Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) – Land known as xxxx

Consultation from 7th December 2017 to 15th January 2018

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Ardent is instructed by NSC to identify and engage with potentially affected landowners. As part of this exercise, it has come to our attention that you have an interest in land, described above, to be affected by proposed Traffic Restriction Orders (TRO) in the current DCO scheme.

NSC as the promoter of the DCO is now at the pre-application stage and is consulting with statutory consultees on its proposals, as required under Section 42 of the 2008 Act. This letter is sent to you as a statutory consultee as prescribed under Section 42 of the 2008 Act.

The principal consultation period for our proposals closed on 4 December 2017. We are now compiling a report on that consultation and considering responses received. The design of the project will evolve until we make our application to the Secretary of State in Q2 2018.

Although the consultation period has closed we are still able to consider any responses that you wish to make. Your response, if you make one, will be taken in to account as if you had made it during the principal consultation period. It would help us if you could please submit your views by Monday 15 January 2018.

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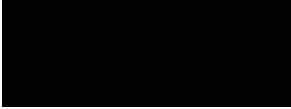
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Charlotte Potts



Consultant
Ardent Management
On behalf of North Somerset Council

Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Unidentified Pipeline, Portishead

18 December 2017 to 26 January 2018

Template letter to Section 44 consultees (persons with an interest in land)

[Insert addressee / address of property]

Dear [Sir / Madam]

Ref: Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) – Oil pipeline, Harbour Road, Portishead, Bristol

Consultation from 18th December 2017 to 26th January 2018

As you may be aware, North Somerset Council (NSC) proposes to re-open the Portishead branch line for passenger train services. The re-opening of the Portishead branch line comprises a “nationally significant infrastructure project” as defined under the Planning Act 2008 Act. As a result, NSC is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

Ardent is instructed by NSC to identify and engage with potentially affected landowners. As part of this exercise, it has come to our attention that you have an interest in land, described above, to be affected by the current DCO scheme.

NSC as the promoter of the DCO is now at the pre-application stage and is consulting with statutory consultees on its proposals, as required under Section 42 of the 2008 Act. This letter is sent to you as a statutory consultee as prescribed under Section 42 of the 2008 Act.

The principal consultation period for our proposals closed on 4 December 2017. We are now compiling a report on that consultation and considering responses received. The design of the project will evolve until we make our application to the Secretary of State in Q2 2018.

Although the consultation period has closed, we are still able to consider any responses that you wish to make. Your response, if you make one, will be taken in to account as if you had made it during the principal consultation period. It would help us if you could please submit your views by Friday 26 January 2018.

MetroWest Phase 1

NSDC is promoting the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as Phase 1 of the wider MetroWest package of major rail improvements for the West of England region which are being delivered by the

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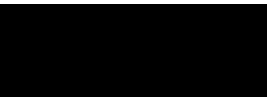
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte Potts



Consultant
Ardent Management
On behalf of North Somerset Council

Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: EqlA identified

26 January 2018 to 27 February 2018

My ref: MWP1/S42EQ
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Address: West of England Councils MetroWest
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Temple Way
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26 January 2018

Dear Stakeholder

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation on project proposals

North Somerset District Council (**NSDC**) proposes to re-open the Portishead branch line for passenger train services. The re-opening of the Portishead branch line comprises a “nationally significant infrastructure project” as defined under the Planning Act 2008 Act (**the 2008 Act**). As a result, NSDC is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (**DCO**) to the Planning Inspectorate (**PINS**). PINS will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

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NSDC carried out a round of formal consultation with statutory consultees and the community in October 2017. However we are keen to hear any views that you may have on the project. Whilst we welcome comments on

all aspects, you are invited to specifically consider Portishead and Pill Station proposals and their associated infrastructure, construction impacts, and the effects to associated pedestrian / cycle paths (details of which are set out in the PEIR at chapter 4).

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We are inviting comments from you on the project proposals by 27 February 2018.

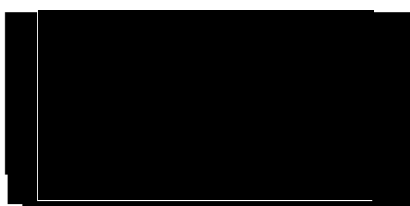
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To assist your response, we would also like to offer you a meeting with members of the project team should you wish to go through the documentation and any queries you may have. If so, please contact the team to arrange a convenient time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager
26 January 2018

Enclosure: Notice under Section 48 of the 2008 Act.

Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Extension of Stage 2 Consultation (for consultees that did not respond to Stage 2 Consultation)

1 February 2018 to 3 March 2018

Steven Penaluna

From: Steven Penaluna
Sent: 30 January 2018 17:12
To: Steven Penaluna
Subject: Re: Portishead branch line (MetroWest Phase 1) consultation notification
Attachments: MetroWest Phase 1 Notification.pdf

Dear Stakeholder

North Somerset District Council wrote to you on 19th October 2017 in relation to our statutory consultation on the proposals to re-open the Portishead branch line for passenger train services (MetroWest Phase 1), as required under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. A copy of the letter is attached.

We do not have record of a response from you. We are therefore contacting you again to ensure that you received the previous correspondence and have had time to consider our proposals. We would politely ask you to consider the following:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Steve

From: Steven Penaluna
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Steven Penaluna (Steven.Penaluna@n-somerset.gov.uk) <Steven.Penaluna@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Portishead branch line (MetroWest Phase 1) consultation notification

Dear Stakeholder

North Somerset District Council as the promoter of the Portishead branch line (MetroWest Phase 1) Development Consent Order is now at the pre-application stage where it wishes to consult with statutory consultees on its proposals, as required under Section 42 of the 2008 Act. The attached letter and its enclosed notice are provided to you to explain how you can take part in the consultation, if you wish to do so.

Kind regards

Steven Penaluna
Principal Transport Policy Officer (MetroWest Phase 1)
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30 January 2018

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Response to consultation on project proposals

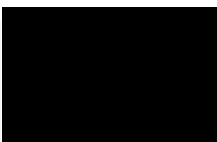
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager
30 January 2018

Enclosure: MetroWest Phase 1 consultation notification letter

Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Ashton Vale Industrial Estate (Level Crossing Works Impacts)

19 February 2018 to 24 March 2018

Monday 19th February 2018

BY RECORDED DELIVERY POST

Dear

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation regarding proposals in the vicinity of Ashton Vale Road

North Somerset District Council (**NSDC**) proposes to re-open the Portishead Branch Line for passenger train services. NSDC is the promoter of MetroWest Phase 1 on behalf of itself and the three other West of England councils (Bristol City, Bath and North East Somerset and South Glos. Councils).

The element of MetroWest Phase 1 comprising the re-opening of the railway from Portishead to Pill comprises a “nationally significant infrastructure project” as defined under the Planning Act 2008 (the **2008 Act**). As a result, NSDC is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (**DCO**) to the Planning Inspectorate (**PINS**), who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Previous Consultations with you on MetroWest Phase 1

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NSDC consulted with statutory consultees on the MetroWest Phase 1 proposals, as required under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, in October–December 2017. This was part of our second round of consultation on the whole project.

Feedback is now being considered before we finalise our application to PINS for a DCO seeking powers for MetroWest Phase 1. Pre application consultation outcomes also will be reported to PINS when the application is submitted. Representations you have already made will be reported in our Consultation Report. We will also consider any further representations we receive between now and the application for the DCO being submitted.

We have also engaged in additional consultation rounds with you and your neighbours, to assist us in our decision on whether a new access road to the Ashton Vale Road Industrial Estate could be provided as part of the DCO process.

When we wrote to you in September 2017 we informed you that, a result of budget constraints and feedback from landowners, we have scaled back our proposals for trains using the Portishead Branch Line. Our proposals are to now provide a scheme that envisages the train operator running up to 20 passenger trains in each direction per day, compared with our original proposition to plan for a half hourly service of up to 36 trains in each direction per day.

Based on our revised proposals, we are confident the existing highway network can continue to function well, subject to minor modifications to the Winterstoke Road/Ashton Vale Road junction.

In our letter in September 2017 we also informed you that we would not be scheduling owners and occupiers of Ashton Vale Road in the Book of Reference we must submit with the application for development consent. This decision was based on our understanding of the modelling we have carried out for our proposals at Ashton Vale Road.

As some owners have indicated their wish to be consulted formally we have decided to schedule all Ashton Vale Road owners and occupiers in the Book of Reference, so that those that wish to be included in the DCO examination process are more able to be kept informed of progress on the DCO.

Our Current proposals for Ashton Vale Road

Our traffic experts' conclusions are that, with works to Winterstoke Road and the addition of a "MOVA" system being installed to control the phasing of the traffic lights, the junction of Ashton Vale Road and Winterstoke Road will not be significantly adversely affected by the additional trains crossing Ashton Vale Road at the level crossing. Our analysis shows that the junction should function in a similar way to how it works at present when the additional train services operate.

At peak times the modelling suggests a small additional wait time may occur for vehicles leaving the Ashton Vale Road estate if a train is passing at that time, based on current road traffic movements. Any additional queuing is predicted to disperse within a short time period and the Winterstoke Road/Ashton Vale Road junction will quickly revert to a situation very similar to the current levels of waiting at red lights at the junction. Out of peak periods, the revised junction should result in improvements to traffic flows compared with the current level of waiting times at the junction.

In addition to the new left turn lane for vehicles turning from Winterstoke Road from the south into Ashton Vale Road, we intend to coordinate the level crossing's operations with the operation of the existing traffic lights at the Winterstoke Road/Ashton Vale Road junction.

Whilst works to the traffic light sequencing and a left turn lane for traffic from Winterstoke Road in to Ashton Vale Road are proposed, there is no need for substantial work to the level crossing over Ashton Vale Road itself. The level crossing is already a fully gated, operator controlled level crossing with CCTV.

NSDC is now discussing with Bristol City Council the best way forward for implementing works to Winterstoke Road. . As the works should be relatively minor in nature, any disruption to the highway of Ashton Vale Road during construction should be limited. .

Once the MetroWest Phase 1 services are running, the new "MOVA" system for traffic light control will operate to co-ordinate barrier down time with traffic light phasing. As a result additional queuing caused by the additional trains crossing Ashton Vale Road will be minor.

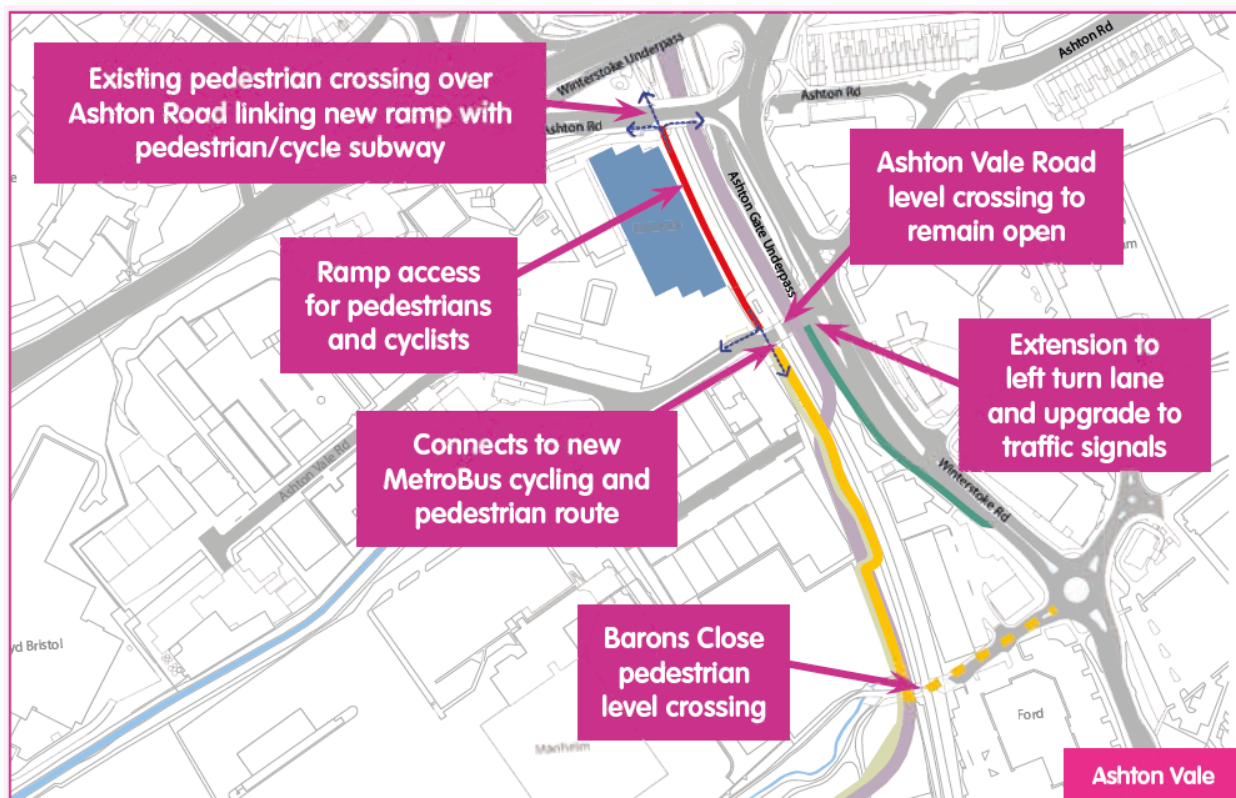
Further proposed works in the vicinity that we are considering include:

- (a) A new pedestrian ramp to link Ashton Vale Road and the A370 Brunel Way – this is being provided for as an alternative pedestrian and cycle route for users not wishing to cross the level

crossing, or not wishing to wait until the level crossing barriers are raised. It would be located on Network Rail land, between Babcock's premises and Network Rail's running line.

- (b) Minor tying in works will be required where the new path leading to the ramp meets Ashton Vale Road.
- (c) The pedestrian route will extend south of Ashton Vale Road to the location of the current Ashton Containers level crossing (also known as Barons Close level crossing). This pedestrian and cycle route will be on the service road route being provided by the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads MetroBus scheme. As a result of the pedestrian crossing movements, minor variations to the stop lines and traffic signals at Ashton Vale Road, on the western side of the level crossing, may also be required.
- (d) It is proposed that the pedestrian level crossing known as Ashton Containers crossing, which connects to the highway of Barons Close, will be permanently shut.

A plan showing the proposed works in the vicinity of Ashton Vale Road is provided below.



Additional Consultation for Ashton Vale Road owners and occupiers

Whilst we will continue to consider representations already received during MetroWest Phase One's Stage 2 consultation process that took place between October and December 2017, the impacts of the works described above may be something you would wish to provide your views on. We anticipate that overall there will be limited disruption as a result of the proposed works being constructed, but we want to make sure that we get our approach right, so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to owners

and occupiers on the Ashton Vale Road Industrial Estate, as well as consider your thoughts on the project overall.

We are also keen to understand the best sequencing for our construction proposals. This will allow us to understand if it is better to have fewer, shorter interruptions of traffic, or whether we carry out works for a longer period of time, but with less impact on Ashton Vale Road.

We have set out at Appendix 1 a series of questions we would like to receive answers on, to better frame our construction strategy. We also set out here our thinking on the following points included in Appendix 1:

a. When is the best time of day for works on Ashton Vale Road?

We anticipate that you would prefer that we work only outside of normal trading hours and at weekends. It would be helpful if you could tell us what requirements you have for access between 6pm and 6am on a daily basis.

b. Do you open at weekends? Would our limiting access for periods of time at weekends substantially affect you?

It will help us to understand how often you do require access at weekends. If so, is this requirement throughout the weekend or at set times?

c. Would a 14 day prior notice of weekend or night time closures of the highway reduce the impact of any temporary closure on you?

We are considering how much notice occupiers will need of works requiring temporary closures of the highway, if any closures are needed for any of the proposed works.

d. Are there any other matters that are a concern to you during the construction phase of MetroWest Phase 1?

Please let us know any other considerations you would wish to make us aware of.

Consultation Documents

To assist you, we are re-providing copies of the following consultation documents:

- 1 PEIR non-technical Summary (available online at www.metrowestphase1.org/peir).
- 2 PEIR (available online at www.metrowestphase1.org/peir).
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Additional documents available on line at www.metrowestphase1.org are:

- 1 Land plans showing the land required for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
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- 8 The VISSIM (traffic modelling) report, available as Appendix P in Chapter 16 of the PEIR (direct link is <https://metrowestphase1.files.wordpress.com/2017/09/appendix-p-vissim-modelling.pdf>).
- 9 Video simulations showing traffic impacts from the modelling are also available from <https://travelwest.info/projects/metrowest/metrowest-phase-1>

Hard copies of all the consultation documents may be inspected free of charge on weekdays only from 19 February to 24 March 2018 at Womble Bond Dickinson LLP, 3 Temple Quay, Temple Back East, Bristol, BS1 6DZ, between the hours of 0930 and 1700. Please ask for George Morton Jack if seeking to inspect the documents.

A list of our questions for you is provided at Appendix 1. We will consider any additional representations you make on MetroWest Phase 1.

Please reply with any comments to the addresses below by 24 March 2018.

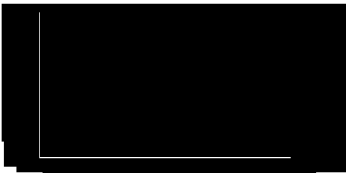
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



James Willcock

MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager

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Appendix 1: List of questions

Appendix 2: Previous correspondence from March 2017 and September 2017

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Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Ashton Vale Industrial Estate (Level Crossing Works Impacts) - reissued following 'Return to Sender'

9 March 2018 to 13 April 2018

Friday 9th March 2018

BY FIRST CLASS POST

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Previous Consultations with you on MetroWest Phase 1

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Feedback is now being considered before we finalise our application to PINS for a DCO seeking powers for MetroWest Phase 1. Pre application consultation outcomes also will be reported to PINS when the application is submitted. Representations you have already made will be reported in our Consultation Report. We will also consider any further representations we receive between now and the application for the DCO being submitted.

We have also engaged in additional consultation rounds with you and your neighbours, to assist us in our decision on whether a new access road to the Ashton Vale Road Industrial Estate could be provided as part of the DCO process.

When we wrote to Ashton Vale area stakeholders in September 2017 (see Appendix 2 to this letter), we stated that a result of budget constraints and feedback from landowners, we have scaled back our proposals for trains using the Portishead Branch Line. Our proposals are to now provide a scheme that envisages the train operator running up to 20 passenger trains in each direction per day, compared with our original proposition to plan for a half hourly service of up to 36 trains in each direction per day.

Based on our revised proposals, we are confident the existing highway network can continue to function well, subject to minor modifications to the Winterstoke Road/Ashton Vale Road junction.

In our letter in September 2017 (at Appendix 2) we also stated that we would not be scheduling owners and occupiers of Ashton Vale Road in the Book of Reference we must submit with the application for development consent. This decision was based on our understanding of the modelling we have carried out for our proposals at Ashton Vale Road.

As some owners have indicated their wish to be consulted formally we have decided to schedule all Ashton Vale Road owners and occupiers in the Book of Reference, so that those that wish to be included in the DCO examination process are more able to be kept informed of progress on the DCO.

Our Current proposals for Ashton Vale Road

Our traffic experts' conclusions are that, with works to Winterstoke Road and the addition of a "MOVA" system being installed to control the phasing of the traffic lights, the junction of Ashton Vale Road and Winterstoke Road will not be significantly adversely affected by the additional trains crossing Ashton Vale Road at the level crossing. Our analysis shows that the junction should function in a similar way to how it works at present when the additional train services operate.

At peak times the modelling suggests a small additional wait time may occur for vehicles leaving the Ashton Vale Road estate if a train is passing at that time, based on current road traffic movements. Any additional queuing is predicted to disperse within a short time period and the Winterstoke Road/Ashton Vale Road junction will quickly revert to a situation very similar to the current levels of waiting at red lights at the junction. Out of peak periods, the revised junction should result in improvements to traffic flows compared with the current level of waiting times at the junction.

In addition to the new left turn lane for vehicles turning from Winterstoke Road from the south into Ashton Vale Road, we intend to coordinate the level crossing's operations with the operation of the existing traffic lights at the Winterstoke Road/Ashton Vale Road junction.

Whilst works to the traffic light sequencing and a left turn lane for traffic from Winterstoke Road in to Ashton Vale Road are proposed, there is no need for substantial work to the level crossing over Ashton Vale Road itself. The level crossing is already a fully gated, operator controlled level crossing with CCTV.

NSDC is now discussing with Bristol City Council the best way forward for implementing works to Winterstoke Road. . As the works should be relatively minor in nature, any disruption to the highway of Ashton Vale Road during construction should be limited. .

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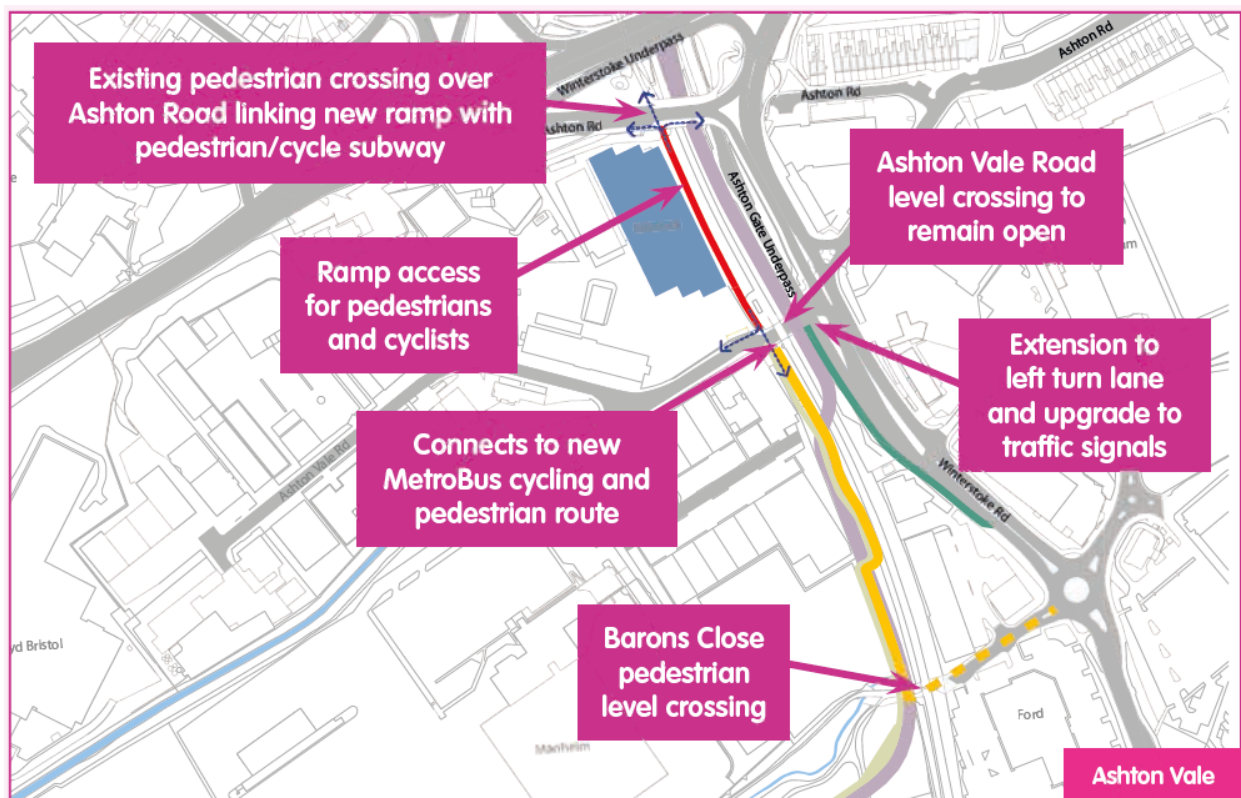
Further proposed works in the vicinity that we are considering include:

- (a) A new pedestrian ramp to link Ashton Vale Road and the A370 Brunel Way – this is being provided for as an alternative pedestrian and cycle route for users not wishing to cross the level

crossing, or not wishing to wait until the level crossing barriers are raised. It would be located on Network Rail land, between Babcock's premises and Network Rail's running line.

- (b) Minor tying in works will be required where the new path leading to the ramp meets Ashton Vale Road.
- (c) The pedestrian route will extend south of Ashton Vale Road to the location of the current Ashton Containers level crossing (also known as Barons Close level crossing). This pedestrian and cycle route will be on the service road route being provided by the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads MetroBus scheme. As a result of the pedestrian crossing movements, minor variations to the stop lines and traffic signals at Ashton Vale Road, on the western side of the level crossing, may also be required.
- (d) It is proposed that the pedestrian level crossing known as Ashton Containers crossing, which connects to the highway of Barons Close, will be permanently shut.

A plan showing the proposed works in the vicinity of Ashton Vale Road is provided below.



Additional Consultation for Ashton Vale Road owners and occupiers

Whilst we will continue to consider representations already received during MetroWest Phase One's Stage 2 consultation process that took place between October and December 2017, the impacts of the works described above may be something you would wish to provide your views on. We anticipate that overall there will be limited disruption as a result of the proposed works being constructed, but we want to make sure that we get our approach right, so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to owners

and occupiers on the Ashton Vale Road Industrial Estate, as well as consider your thoughts on the project overall.

We are also keen to understand the best sequencing for our construction proposals. This will allow us to understand if it is better to have fewer, shorter interruptions of traffic, or whether we carry out works for a longer period of time, but with less impact on Ashton Vale Road.

We have set out at Appendix 1 a series of questions we would like to receive answers on, to better frame our construction strategy. We also set out here our thinking on the following points included in Appendix 1:

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We anticipate that you would prefer that we work only outside of normal trading hours and at weekends. It would be helpful if you could tell us what requirements you have for access between 6pm and 6am on a daily basis.

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c. Would a 14 day prior notice of weekend or night time closures of the highway reduce the impact of any temporary closure on you?

We are considering how much notice occupiers will need of works requiring temporary closures of the highway, if any closures are needed for any of the proposed works.

d. Are there any other matters that are a concern to you during the construction phase of MetroWest Phase 1?

Please let us know any other considerations you would wish to make us aware of.

Consultation Documents

To assist you, we are re-providing copies of the following consultation documents:

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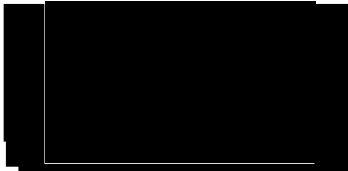
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29 March 2018 to 27 April 2018

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Tuesday 27 March 2018

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Such land it is believed you have an interest in is shown on Sheet No. [●] of the MetroWest Phase 1 Land Plan, available online at www.travelwest.info/metrowest (and updated since our Stage 2 Consultation).

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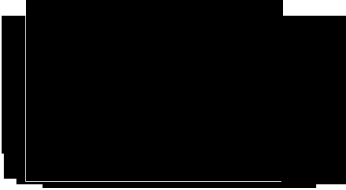
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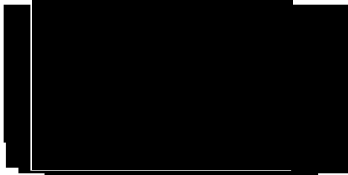
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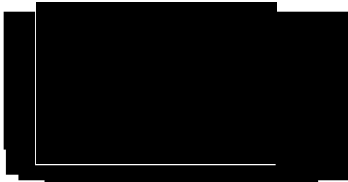
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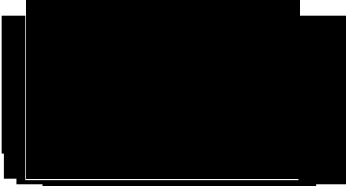
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Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation from 2 May 2018 to 4 June 2018

Section 42 Planning Act 2008

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MetroWest Phase 1

NSDC is promoting the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as Phase 1 of the wider MetroWest package of major rail improvements for the West of England region which are being delivered by the West of England councils (NSDC, Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council), working in partnership with Network Rail and Great Western Railway.

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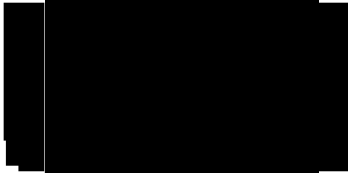
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager

Enclosure: Notice under the 2008 Act.

Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Red Line Boundary changes

11 June 2018 to 21 July 2018

Template letter to Section 44 consultees (persons with an interest in land)
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[Insert addressee / address of property]

Dear [Sir / Madam]

Ref: Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) – Title number/property address.

Consultation from 11th June 2018 to 12th July 2018

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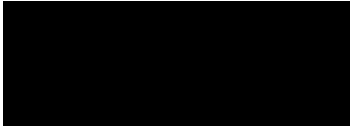
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Charlotte Potts



Consultant
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On behalf of North Somerset Council

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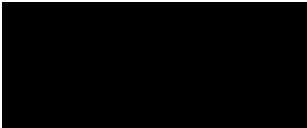
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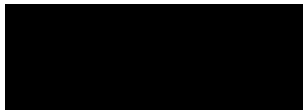
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Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Highway Subsoil Rights and Haven View access

10 July 2018 to 10 August 2018

9 July 2018

BY FIRST CLASS POST

[Insert addressee / address of property]

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Consultation from 10 July 2018 to 10 August 2018

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James Willcock
MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager

Enclosure: Notice under the 2008 Act.

Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Utilities

22 October 2018 to 23 November 2018

18 October 2018

BY FIRST CLASS POST

[Insert addressee / address of property]

Dear [●]

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation from 22 October 2018 to 23 November 2018

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Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Portishead and Leigh Woods Access

15 February 2019 to 19 March 2019

12 February 2019

BY FIRST CLASS POST

[Insert addressee / address of property]

[Insert details of land affected]

Dear

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation from 15 February 2019 to 19 March 2019

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On behalf of NSDC, Ardent Management contacted you by letter dated 29 January 2019 enclosing a Request for Information (**RFI**) form in order to assist NSDC identify all persons with an interest in the land potentially affected by MetroWest Phase 1. NSDC wish to identify such persons so that NSDC can explain to them the MetroWest Phase 1 proposals and the potential impacts of these.

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Yours faithfully



James Willcock

MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice under the 2008 Act.**
- 2. Land Plan Sheets 11 to 11C.**

12 February 2019

BY FIRST CLASS POST

[Insert addressee / address of property]

[Insert details of land affected]

Dear Sir/Madam

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation from 15 February 2019 to 19 March 2019

Section 42 Planning Act 2008

North Somerset District Council (**NSDC**) proposes to re-open the Portishead Branch Line for passenger train services. The re-opening of the Portishead Branch line comprises a “nationally significant infrastructure project” as defined under the Planning Act 2008 Act (**the 2008 Act**). As a result, NSDC is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (**DCO**) to the Planning Inspectorate (**PINS**). PINS will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

NSDC as the promoter of the DCO is at the pre-application stage where it wishes to consult with statutory consultees on its proposals, as required under Section 42 of the 2008 Act. This letter is sent to you as a person who it is believed (further to our review of title and Land Registry information) has an interest in some of the land required for, or affected by, the proposals to re-open the Portishead Branch Line.

MetroWest Phase 1

NSDC is promoting the re-opening of the Portishead Branch Line as Phase 1 of the wider MetroWest package of major rail improvements for the West of England region which are being delivered by NSDC and the West of England Combined Authority, working in partnership with Network Rail and Great Western Railway.

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Consultation on MetroWest Phase 1

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Our ongoing review of the land required for, or affected by, the MetroWest Phase 1 proposals suggests you have an interest in land which falls within the project's proposed development area.

As a result of additional interests, such as yours, being identified as potentially affected by the proposals, we are now running a targeted consultation with the holders of these additional interests.

Your feedback on this consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act will be considered before we finalise our application to PINS for a DCO to authorise MetroWest Phase 1, and, along with any representations you may have already made, will be reported to PINS when the application is submitted.

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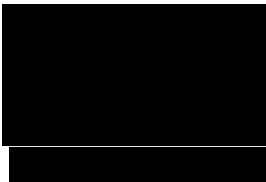
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Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Crockerne House, Pill and land at Quays Avenue, Portishead

19 July 2019 to 19 August 2019

18 July 2019

BY FIRST CLASS POST

[Insert addressee / address of property]

Dear Sir/Madam

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

Consultation from 19 July 2019 to 19 August 2019

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We have recently identified you as a person holding an interest in some of the land required for, or affected by, the proposals to re-open the Portishead Branch Line.

The land you have an interest in

We are consulting with you because we believe you may:

- (a) have a right to use the drying area close to the railway; and
- (b) you may be allowed to park vehicles under the railway viaduct next to the Library.

How MetroWest affects you

- (a) Network Rail requires access to the drying area to repair the wall supporting the railway. Network Rail wants NSDC to secure a permanent right over the drying area so it can access the wall in the future. After the initial repairs are carried out the right will be used only occasionally.
- (b) When Pill Viaduct is repaired Network Rail needs to have access to the viaduct arch and exclude anyone else from having access. Network Rail will also use the area between Star Lane and the Library as a small compound whilst it is repairing the viaduct. This will be a temporary use only. Network Rail will not take a permanent right and you will be able to park on the land again once the viaduct is repaired.

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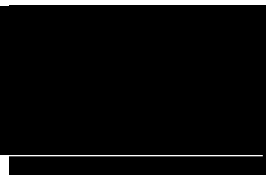
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The land you have an interest in

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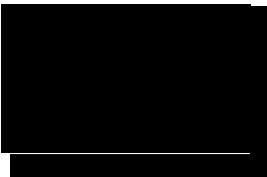
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Example of correspondence sent for the:

Additional Stage 2 Consultation: Access across Pill Memorial Club car park

30 August 2019 to 1 October 2019

29TH August 2019

BY HAND DELIVERY

[Insert addressee / address of property]

Title number/property address.

Dear sir/madam

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The land you have an interest in

We are consulting with you because we believe you may have an access across the Pill Memorial Club car park.

The highway of Lodway is going to be slightly widened. This is to accommodate a wider footpath, dropped kerb and bus shelter to enable step free access from the bus stop to the reopened station at Pill. This requires a strip of the Memorial Club's land at the entrance to the car park. We believe you access Lodway from the car park at this point.

How MetroWest affects you

(a) The proposed Order does not affect your house and you will still be able to access Lodway over the Memorial Club car park once the work is carried out.

(b) As shown on the enclosed drawing, we propose, along Heywood Road and Lodway, to improve the existing bus stop located outside the Pill Memorial Club. The works will require some of the Pill Memorial

Club car park land to be taken for road widening. This includes the part of the car park entrance you use to access Lodway.

(c) The Pill Memorial Car Park will also be used as a construction compound during the construction of the altered bus stop and highway widening works.

(d) The car park entrance will be resurfaced and this may cause some brief interruption to your access. NSDC will let you know when access may be restricted for the resurfacing work and will require its contractor to limit interruption caused during the works.

The use of part of the Pill Memorial Club car park as a compound will be a temporary use only. NSDC will not be using the Pill Memorial Club car park permanently. A small part of the entrance will become highway rather than car park, but you will still be able access Lodway as you do currently.

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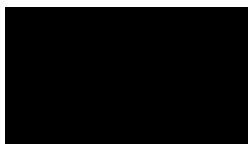
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