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James Willcock
By email

Your Ref:

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

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2017 and the following documentation:

1. Formal notice (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act) of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
2. MetroWest Stage 2 Consultation Leaflet outlining the proposals for the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1.
3. Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), including allon-Technical Summary of the PEIR's assessment of MetroWest Phase 1's potential environmental impacts.
4. Land Plan showing the land required for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
5. Works Plan illustrating the proposed works for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
6. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Plan showing the temporary TROs proposed as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
7. Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Plan showing the permanent TROs proposed as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.

8. Public Rights of Way (PROWs) Diversions Plan showing the PROWs to be diverted or stopped up as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
9. Visualisations illustrating what the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals will look like at Portishead Station, Pill Station and Ashton Vale once the Portishead branch line has been re-opened.
10. A Non-Technical Summary of the draft DCO for the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1.

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

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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.