



National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol, BS1 6PN

Customer: 0303 444 5000
Services:
e-mail: Metrowest1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Mr James Willcock

(by e-mail only)

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR040011

Date: 12 December 2019

Dear Mr Willcock,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55

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

Notification of decision to accept an application for Examination for an Order Granting Development Consent

I refer to the above application for an Order granting development consent made under section 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) and received by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 15 November 2019.

The Secretary of State has decided to accept this application for Examination. In reaching this decision, the Secretary of State has:

- in respect of section 55(3)(e) had regard to the matters set out in section 55(4), and concluded that the applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 of PA2008; and
- in respect of section 55(3)(f), had regard to the extent to which those matters set out in section 55(5A) have either been complied with or followed, and concluded that the application (including accompaniments) is of a satisfactory standard.

Please be aware of your duties under:

- sections 56, 58 and 59 of PA2008;
- Regulations 8, 9 and 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended); and
- Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 or, for projects scoped after 16 May 2017, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Delete this bullet point if your project is not EIA development.

Yours sincerely

Simone Wilding

Simone Wilding
Head of Major Casework Management
For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing,
Communities and Local Government

This communication does not constitute legal advice.
Please view our [Privacy Notice](#) before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

