

Portishead Branch Line – Metrowest Phase 1 Registration and Representation.

Section 2. Representation continued.

2. Safety from Aviation HP fuel line failure.

Beneath the existing private access from Sheepway, contiguous to Priory Croft, now used for horse and rider purposes only, are very high pressure kerosene fuel lines. Will these lines remain safe when access AW3.2 is in use by Metrowest ?

My view is that it would be much safer to separate the envisaged traffic whereby the existing traffic remain using the existing access and the Metrowest traffic use a relocated AW3.2 to be alongside AW3.3 since there are splayed twin accesses there already. This revised position for AW3.2 could then follow the original track diagonally across the field, as before, to the existing ditch underpass.

3. Weight, noise and quantity of Metrowest traffic.

No mention of the type of traffic that Metrowest will be sending along the access. Will there be heavy construction/maintenance vehicles etc?

The weight of such vehicles must travel over either Station Bridge or Tarr Bridge. Both of which are listed bridges from I.K. Brunel railway. The planning inspectorate must be satisfied no damage will occur to the bridges or historic Sheepway road through the hamlet during construction or operation.

4. Sheepway road drainage.

From Station Bridge to LA15/21 the underground road drainage is severely damaged. NSC is aware of this, they have inspected the problem, but no repair action yet. The quantity and weight of Metrowest construction/maintenance traffic will increase the risk of damage to the drainage system.

5. Land drainage of the Metrowest local development.

In the area of Sheepway, this is an historic arrangement of open ditches and culverts. I know a new design is underway. The new scheme, particularly north of A369 and south of Sheepway must be serviceable and much better use made of the ditches alongside A369 that feed drainage to Sandy Rhyne, Portbury Ditch and the sea. Sheepway is not on mains drainage despite a sewage works on Portbury Wharf nearby.

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