

# **Portishead Branch Line: MetroWest Phase 1**

<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	<b>Open Floor Hearing</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday 19 October 2020</b>
<b>Joining available from:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Meeting start time:</b>	<b>6.30pm<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Invited Parties who have pre-registered</b>

**(This meeting will also be available for people to observe live online via a link which will be advertised on the project page of the National Infrastructure website shortly before the meeting is due to start)**

The Examining Authority (ExA) has notified Interested Parties in its Rule 6 letter dated 7 September 2020 of the decision to hold an evening Open Floor Hearing on Monday 19 October 2020.

## **Participation, conduct and management of hearings**

At an Open Floor Hearing, each Interested Party is entitled (subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make spoken representations about the application. If on the day there are other individuals who are not registered as Interested Parties but who wish to make submissions at the Open Floor Hearing and who have pre-registered their request it will be open to the ExA to use its discretion to hear these should time permit.

It would also assist the ExA if copies of any written summaries of the cases put orally are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 1 of the examination timetable.

Please note that the following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session.

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing
2. Purpose of the hearing
3. Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the Open Floor Hearing and the order in which they will be heard
4. Oral Submissions from Interested Parties

Each Interested Party who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited in turn by the ExA to speak. Following each submission, the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions. The Applicant may be requested to briefly

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<sup>1</sup> If you are joining as an active participant, please follow the joining instructions for the virtual event carefully and connect into the Open Floor Hearing in good time. In common with traditional Open Floor Hearings, the event will start on time irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

respond to any matters raised by each of the Interested Parties or in summary at the close of the Open Floor Hearing.

Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

#### 5. Close of the Open Floor Hearing