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Dear Sirs

**Application by North Somerset District Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Portishead Branch Line - MetroWest Phase 1 (the "Order")
Interested party reference PORT-S57657**

1. We write on behalf of our client First Corporate Shipping Limited, trading as The Bristol Port Company ("BPC"), to respond to the requirements of Deadline 1.

CAH and ISH

2. BPC confirms that it wishes to participate in, and be represented at, a compulsory acquisition hearing relating to both its land and land safeguarded for port development (being the land adjacent to BPC's boundary to the south of the railway and east of Marsh Lane identified in connection with Work Nos. 16B and 16D).
3. BPC repeats its earlier request for an issue-specific hearing relating to the effect of the proposals on Bristol Port, to include the matters listed in our letter to PINS dated 21 September 2020, with a time estimate of half a day.
4. The Applicant confirmed its support for an issue specific hearing in its letter to PINS dated 14 October 2020.
5. As previously submitted, we request that the compulsory acquisition hearing relating to BPC's land and to the land safeguarded for port development should not occur before the issue-specific hearing, but BPC remains content for the two hearings to be combined if that were the preference of the Examining Authority.

ASI

6. BPC confirms that it wishes to attend an accompanied site inspection.

Summary of RRs

7. We enclose a summary of BPC's earlier relevant representations.

SoCG

8. The Applicant provided BPC with a 40 page draft SoCG on 27 October and acknowledged that there would be insufficient time for BPC to review it in detail by Deadline 1.

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9. It is, of course, for the Applicant to decide whether or not to submit its draft to the Examining Authority. If the Applicant decides to do so, the Examining Authority should please note that BPC has not been able to review the draft and its content is therefore not agreed.
10. The Examining Authority would wish to know that BPC's constructive dialogue with the Applicant is continuing.

Yours faithfully

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