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**North Somerset Council
Development Consent Order application for Portishead Branch Line - MetroWest Phase 1
Application Ref: TR040011**

Deadline 1 Submissions

I write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 26 October 2020 (the **Rule 8 letter**).

In accordance with the examination timetable at Annex A of the Rule 8 letter, I provide the following in response to Deadline 1:

1. Notification to speak at CA hearing
2. Notification to speak at open floor hearing (OFH)
3. Notification to attend accompanied site inspection (ASI)
4. Notification to have correspondence received electronically

Items 1-2: Notification of wish to make oral representations

The Rule 8 letter requested, amongst other things, Interested Parties to notify the Planning Inspectorate of any intention to speak at the forthcoming Compulsory Acquisition Hearing or the Issue Specific Hearings. Accordingly, Network Rail hereby notifies the Planning Inspectorate of its wish to attend these hearings and make oral representations at:

1. CA hearing 4 December 2020 (and the Issue Specific Hearing on 7 December 2020).
2. All future open floor hearings (OFH).

Item 3: Notification to attend accompanied site inspection (ASI)

Network Rail confirms that it would wish to attend all accompanied site inspections. Clearly there will be a need to work with PINS to plan these sessions and this will impact who from Network Rail attends. At this stage it is anticipated that the ASI will be attended by:

- Richard Cole
- Niall Spencer
- Emma Evans
- Rob Buckby

Item 4: Notification to have correspondence received electronically

Network Rail confirms that all correspondence should be received electronically. Feel free to contact me on Richard.cole2@networkrail.co.uk or the team on MW1DCO@networkrail.co.uk

Yours Sincerely



Richard Cole
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