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Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to action point 3 (Article 44 - Hedgerows) from Issue Specific Hearing 1, I can now confirm that North Somerset Council (as Local Planning Authority), is now satisfied with the wording of Article 44 of the draft DCO and that we don't need a separate requirement to cover the removal of hedgerows.

Kind regards

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My working days are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (finishing at 2.45pm each day)

Our response to Covid-19 We are currently operating a reduced service. Whilst we will do our best to progress applications, they are likely to take longer than usual to be decided. To help us reduce delays and prevent the spread of the virus, please note the following:

#### New applications

Applications should be submitted via the Planning Portal. The Government encourages planning applications to be submitted electronically, to enable remote processing to continue as far as possible and support the latest social distancing guidelines. You can find out how to send planning applications to us on our website. In addition, please include photographs that show the site in relation to adjacent properties. This will allow us to progress your application without visiting the site.

#### Site Notices

We now ask applicants to put up the site notice, to help us prevent the spread of the virus and allow the consultation period to start. This helps to reduce delays.

#### Meetings

All meetings with our planning officers will, for the foreseeable future, be undertaken online only. No meetings in person will be held.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we strive to keep our staff

customers safe, while also continuing to provide essential services. Whilst we will try to keep delays to a minimum, we may have to ask for more time and therefore would appreciate your agreement to such requests.

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