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**To:** [Metrowest1](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Issue Specific Hearing 3 dealing with Environmental Matters , 12 January 2021 - Portishead Metrowest1 Joining Instructions  
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Hello,

I'm writing to express my frustrations and dismay following the hearing on the 12th January 2021.

- There was no consideration nor calculation to the carbon impacts that will be generated as part of the development of the new railway line
- No consideration as to how the carbon generated during the development of the project will be offset
- There is no clear calculation as to how much carbon will be created during the operation of the line
- There is no clear consideration, strategy nor budget as how this additional operational carbon will be offset
- There is no clear understanding as to how the additional carbon will impact North Somerset's target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030
- Network Rail representation were unclear if the replacement of diesel trains by 2040 is a law or a target. I suspect the latter

My points were "noted" but I suspect not taken on board.

I must remind you that you are all collectively responsible for ensuring carbon targets are understood and must do everything to align to these.

It is my view that your processes and procedures have not been updated nor align to the carbon targets that have been set.

And this needs to apply to all projects and not just this one.

This is what needs to happen:

- A recognition that all projects must consider and assess carbon impacts and produce a clear strategy and budget for negating / offsetting
- This must happen for both the development of the project and also any ongoing carbon impacts

This a new project and an opportunity for all parties do demonstrate a clear understanding of the carbon targets and do everything necessary to ensure alignment.

At the moment you have collectively failed in this regards.

Kind regards,  
Luke Bonham.

On Mon, 11 Jan 2021 at 16:41, Metrowest1 <[Metrowest1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Metrowest1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by North Somerset District Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1**

**Joining instructions for the Issue Specific Hearing 3 dealing with Environmental Matters**

**Arrangements Conference starts at 09.30am**

**Issue Specific Hearing 3 starts at 10.00am**

This email is being sent to you because you are due to attend the Issue Specific

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