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Dear PINS team

Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1
Response on behalf of Babcock Integrated Technology Limited (Babcock) to ExQ2

In response to **ExQ2 CA2.1** we note that the Applicant has requested the deletion of Work No 27 (foot and cycle track and ramp of 140 metres in length, shown on sheets 15 and 16 of the works plans, from the A370 classified road known as Ashton Road to Ashton Vale Road to the west of Parson Street to Royal Portbury Dock railway, Ashton together with alterations to utilities apparatus, drainage, fencing, lighting and landscaping) from the Proposed Development.

We further note that Bristol City Council have confirmed that the works are not needed as part of the scheme.

The Applicant has previously confirmed in writing to Babcock that agreement with Babcock regarding utility relocation, access to Babcock's site and any required security arrangements will be necessary before the works could be constructed and that this reassurance should provide a legitimate expectation that Babcock are able to rely upon.

On the understanding that the proposal to remove Work No 27 is a bona fide change to the scheme and will not be reintroduced later without the agreement of Babcock, as assured previously in writing, our client is minded to confirm its support for the scheme. This is providing that removal of Work No 27 is confirmed.

Yours faithfully

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