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Subject: Fwd: FAO MetroWest Phase 1 Case Team - Your Ref: TR040011

>>> Dear Sir/ Madam

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>>> I write regarding the above reference and what appears to be your revised proposal for Hayes Mays Lane. (HML), Pill.

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>>> I along with many of my neighbours attended your exhibition in 2015 where you advised >>> you would require access via Hayes Mays Lane to Pill Tunnel and a turning area at the bottom of the lane for vehicles for maintenance and emergencies. Access was also required at the other end of the tunnel at Watchouse Hill.

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>>> Grasscrete was to be used at both areas especially Hayes Mays Lane as this is pure green belt an area of natural beauty full of wildlife and I enclose a copy of the proposal for your perusal at the end of my email.

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>>> I have lived here for over 20 years and the rail contractors have always accessed the track via HML as the railway have a locked gate and path at the end of HML which leads directly to the track and platform providing easy access to the tunnel. Regular pumping of water from the tunnel is required and again access is obtained via HML.

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>>> I understand that there was some concern expressed that ancient hedgerows would be damaged if HML was used however, the rail contractors have cut these as and when required over the last 20 years. I enclose photos to support this at the end of my email.

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>>> I understand MetroWest is now considering a tarmac road on the green belt field next to HML and permanent street lighting which would severely impact the green belt and disrupt the wildlife in its natural habitat.

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>>> Please can you clarify the reason why MetroWest appear to have abandoned their original plan and the reason for the change as this is a completely different to the original proposal and I would have expected residents to be further consulted.

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>>> I have been led to believe that the change follows discussions between MetroWest, North Somerset Council and Pill Community Land Trust. I would like full disclosure of all correspondence from MetroWest to explain why they have made this significant change.

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>>> Finally I enclose a picture of works completed at Watchouse Hill which confirms that MetroWest completed access as agreed at the 2015 consultation. The right hand side of the photo is Hayes Mays

Lane and as you can see a very beautiful environment where we would like to keep any impact to an absolute minimum and would urge MetroWest revert to their original plan.

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>>> I cannot understand why MetroWest would want to incur additional expense putting in a permanent tarmac road , lighting etc as opposed to grasscrete and to cause permanent disruption to the environment.

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>>> I look forward to receiving your update and disclosure of correspondence and discussion between MetroWest, North Somerset Council and Murray Stewart, Pill Community Land Trust regarding any changes

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>>> Yours Sincerely

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>>> Andrea Gordon

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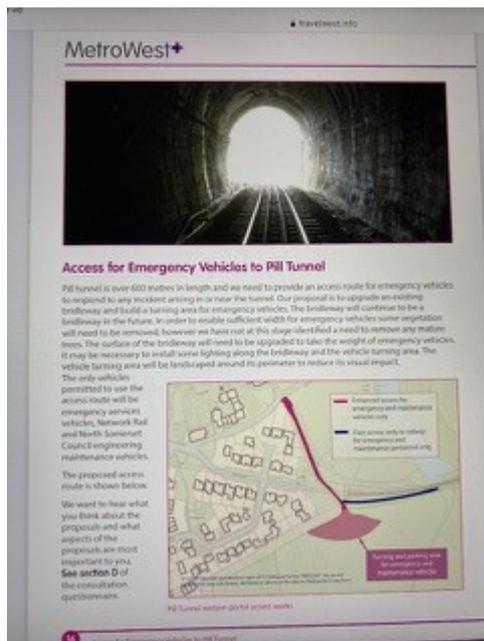
>>> Labelled photos mentioned in the email below:

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>>> MetroWest Original Proposal for access to Pill Tunnel:

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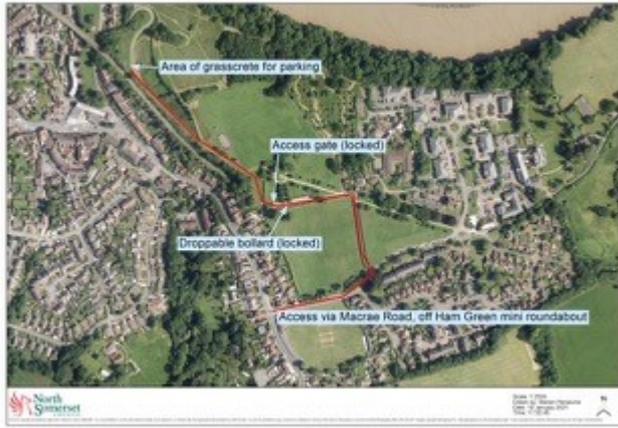


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>>> Photo of works completed at Watchouse Hill as agreed during the 2015 consultation:

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- >>> Hayes Mays Lane access gate to platform
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- >>> Hayes Mays Lane with hedgerows cut back and pipes laid to pump excess water from the tunnel:
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