



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

Hearing Action Points arising from the Issue Specific Hearing 5 on Environmental Matters held virtually on Thursday 4 March 2021

Action	Description	Action by	When
1	Provide a copy of the signed Heads of Terms with the Forestry Commission including a set of coloured up plans that were omitted from the draft version	Applicant	Deadline 6
2	Applicant confirmed that they will provide the final versions of the following documents at Deadline 6 to help with the preparation of the RIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (and confirmation that Package 1 has fallen away and Package 2 can be implemented);• Environmental Statement (ES);• Avon Gorge Vegetation Management Plan (AGVMP);• Signed Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Natural England;• Updated legal opinion on Imperative Reasons for Overriding Public Interest (IROPI); and• A HRA roadmap with reference to the tests in the February 2021 Government guidance.	Applicant	Deadline 6
3	Provide a written response regarding the potential duplication of positive management measures that Network Rail has committed to in their Vegetation Management Plan and those that are contained within the AGVMP	Applicant	Deadline 6



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4	Provision of a written update on the toad survey currently taking place, and draft reptile and amphibian mitigation strategy	Applicant	Deadline 6
5	Provide final Reptile and Amphibian Mitigation Strategy (generic and site specific) after feedback on the draft strategy by North Somerset District Council (NSDC)	Applicant	Deadline 7
6	Provide clarification of the fencing grades with images for each type and review whether the details on the General Arrangement Plans need to be amended	Applicant	Deadline 6
7	Review the wording of Requirements 14 (Avon Gorge Woodlands SAC) and 25 (Permanent fencing outside of the Avon Gorge Woodlands SAC) to enable Network Rail (NR) to be able to alter fencing should they need to for safety/ operational reasons, whilst ensuring that any ability to alter the fencing would remain within the scope of the ES particularly in terms of landscape and visual impact	Applicant/ Network Rail	Deadline 6
8	Review the visuals [REP4-012] showing palisade fencing along the Avon Gorge and provide comments	NSDC	Deadline 6
9	To provide confirmation of arrangements for off-site tree planting payment to Bristol City Council and update the SoCG accordingly	Bristol City Council (BCC)/ the Applicant	Deadline 6
10	The Environment Agency (EA) and BCC to respond to the proposed wording of Requirement 31 (Clanage Road, Bristol)	EA/ BCC	Deadline 6
11	The EA to confirm that they are happy with Requirement 33 (Cattle Creep Bridge, Easton in Gordano)	EA	Deadline 6
12	The EA to respond to the comments made at the Hearing regarding whether a flood plan would be	EA	Deadline 6



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	required for Portbury Ditch/ Portishead Station		
13	Applicant to confirm with the EA that the ground levels at the proposed micro compound under Pill Viaduct would not be altered and the EA to then confirm whether this addresses their concerns	Applicant/ EA	Deadline 6
14	EA to review whether their outstanding objection to the exception test is addressed in light of the proposed changes to Clanage Road Compound and the wording contained within Requirement 31 (Clanage Road, Bristol)	EA	Deadline 6
15	Provide copies of the shadow diagrams for Trinity Footbridge	Applicant	Deadline 6
16	Provide details (including a location plan) of the railway bridge visited by Mr Willmot in Weston Super Mare	NSDC	Deadline 6
17	Provide a copy of the Cycling/ Walking Infrastructure Plan referred to by Mr Willmot at the Hearing including confirmation of its status	NSDC	Deadline 6
18	Provide a marked up layout plan and cross sections showing the distances between the proposed Trinity footbridge and the adjoining houses gardens and windows	Applicant	Deadline 6
19	Provision of a written version of Mr Willmots oral submission on the proposed Trinity footbridge	NSDC	Deadline 6
20	Provision of further details of destinations of users of the current crossing between Tansy Lane and Galingale Way as set out by Mr Willmot at the hearing.	NSDC	Deadline 6
21	Review the planning consent for the 'recently consented' footbridge referred to by Mr Willmot at the Hearing to see if it had privacy screening and if relevant provide details of this proposal	NSDC	Deadline 6



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22	Provide examples of other similar bridges to that proposed including details of their proximity to housing	Applicant	Deadline 6 but if this is not achievable by the beginning of April
23	Review whether the master CEMP needs to include some wording to address the request for an informative made by the Coal Authority [RR-011] given the location of parts of the route within their defined Development High Risk Area	Applicant	Deadline 6
24	Submit a redacted copy of the current works agreement between Network Rail and the Bristol Port Company	Bristol Port Company/ Network Rail	Deadline 6
25	Provide a written response to BNP Parabis response [REP5-043] regarding the concern that given the extended barrier downtime that this would potentially lead to vehicles trying to 'beat the barrier'	Applicant	Deadline 6
26	Provide comments on whether a requirement is necessary for a pre-condition survey and repair of the unsealed section of path on BPC land during works/ on completion	Applicant/ BPC/ NSDC	Deadline 6
27	Confirm that the planning permission for the replacement bridge for the at grade crossing to Court House farm has not expired	NSDC	Deadline 6
28	Provide an estimated time scale for the building of the bridge for the at grade crossing to Court House Farm	BPC	Deadline 6
29	To confirm if the Highway Authority would be content for the dedication of a new bridleway link under the M5	BPC/ NSDC	Deadline 6
30	Confirm status and details of recent planning application submitted by ETM on Ashton Vale Road	BCC	Deadline 6



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31	Provide a written response to the concerns raised orally at the hearing by Mr Ovel and Mr Berry regarding a possible siding at Lodway and why the haul road cannot be made 2 way to accommodate construction workers traffic	Applicant	Deadline 6
32	Provide a copy of the statement he read out at the Hearing	Mr Tarr	Deadline 6
33	Confirm where the figures in his response provided at Deadline 4 [REP4-054/055] regarding a current weekday average of 450 motor vehicles using Chapel Pill Lane came from, and how the assumption that 'these will no doubt double with the proposed development' was drawn from given the information provided by the Applicant indicates that there would be one HGV per day during construction and one van per week during operation (except in the case of an emergency)	Mr Tarr	Deadline 6
34	Respond in writing to the points raised by Mr Tarr regarding the timings of the consultation on the proposals and changes to the location of the proposed access to the railway and the Ham Green Compound	Applicant	Deadline 6
35	Provide wording of a requirement for a Construction Workers Travel Plan for all relevant stages of work as agreed by both NSDC and BCC	Applicant	Deadline 6
36	Provide drawings and photographs of the locations of ground markers for the Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI)	Applicant	At least 1 day prior to the USI