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## Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

TR040011

Applicant: North Somerset District Council

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Dear Sirs

**Your client: North Somerset District Council ("the Applicant")**

**Property: Plots 01/120; 01/125; 01/130; 01/135; 01/205; 01/235; 01/242; 01/245; 01/296; 01/290; 01/298; 01/305; 02/05; 02/06; 02/15; 02/19; 02/20; 02/27; 02/30; 02/31; 02/32; 02/35; 02/36; and 02/37 as shown on the Crown Land Plans attached to the Application.**

**Application for a Development Consent Order (Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1)**

**Planning Inspectorate Application Reference: TR040011**

I understand that you are instructed on behalf of the Applicant in respect of the Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) Development Consent Order Application ("the DCO").

I am instructed to respond on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence ("SoSD") in respect of the above matter.

The land required for the DCO includes land in which the SoSD has an interest and therefore constitutes Crown land as defined in section 227 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act").

The Crown land in question comprises the Property as defined herein and identified in the Book of Reference for the Application. The locations of the plots comprising the Property are also shown on the Crown Land Plans, also forming part of the Application.

The Applicant has confirmed that none of the SoSD's rights or restrictive covenants will be breached by the intended use of the plots comprising the Property. Nevertheless, the

Applicant seeks consent to inclusion of the Property in the Order. The Applicant has confirmed that it does not intend to compulsorily acquire any interest in the Crown land which are held by the SoSD.

I confirm that the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in section 227 of the Act) to give Crown consent under section 135 of the Act is the SoSD. On the basis of the above, I am authorised to confirm the following on behalf of the SoSD:

1. The SoSD consents in accordance with section 135(1)(b) of the Act to the compulsory acquisition of any interests in the Crown land comprising the Property and falling within section 135(1)(a) of the Act; and
2. In accordance with section 135(2) of the Act the SoSD hereby agrees to the wording of Article 51 of the DCO as drafted.

Yours faithfully,



Signed for and on behalf of THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
DEFENCE

Peter Falding FRICS pp Sarah Ashcroft  
Authorised Signatory