

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 89 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 – Regulations 4 to 19**

**Application by North Somerset District Council for an Order granting Development Consent for the Portishead branch line – MetroWest Phase 1**

**Request for further information**

**ANNEX C**

Questions for the Applicant, North Somerset District Council (NSDC) and the Bristol Port Company (BPC)

NSDC:

1. Condition 16 of planning permission 16/P/1987/F [REP6-032] requires that ‘the use of the site for the storage of cargo in transit (e.g. motor vehicles) shall not be commenced until a programme of works (including timescales) for the introduction and removal of the temporary at grade vehicle crossing and construction of vehicular bridge across the railway line so as not to impede the re-opening of the Portishead Branch line have been submitted (in consultation with MetroWest and Network Rail) to and approved by the Local Planning Authority’. Can you:

(a) Confirm whether this condition has been discharged; and

NSC does not have any record of having received an application to discharge condition 16. The Bristol Port Company accepts that this has been overlooked and we are in dialogue with BPC over how this omission can best be resolved.

(b) Provide details of the timescales for the removal of the at grade crossing and construction of vehicular bridge that were approved under this condition.

The only detail concerning this is a statement within a Bridleway/Cycle Path Crossing Management Plan submitted by the BPC in respect of condition 18 and this was discharged 29 June 2017. This document states: “Prior to the intended reopening of the Portishead Branch line, TBPC will stop using this ‘at grade’ crossing and will be required to build a bridge across the railway and bridleway in order to access the site. This bridge will accommodate the bridleway and cycle path by

means of an underpass to the north of the railway for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.”